

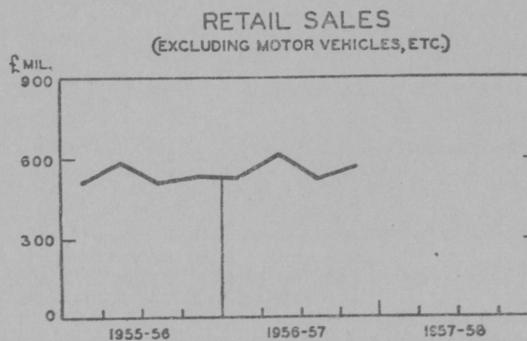
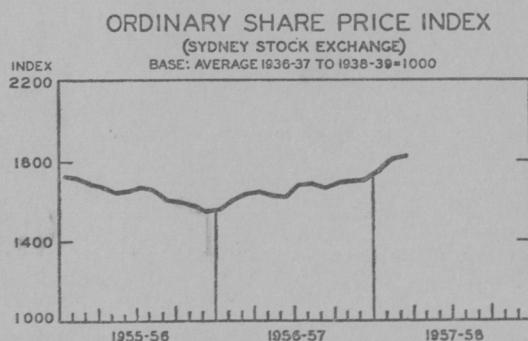
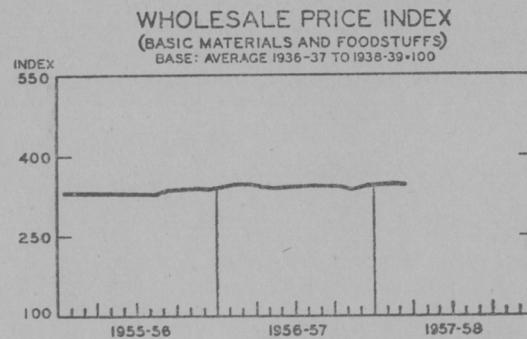
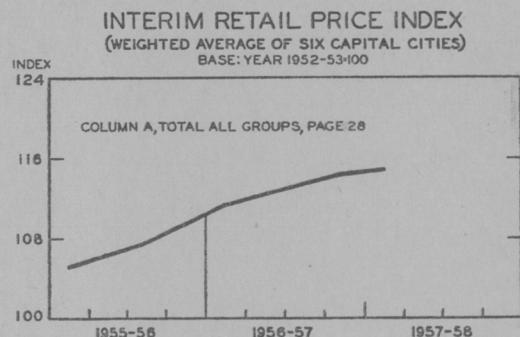
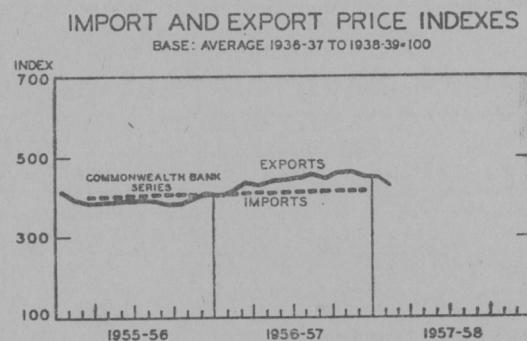
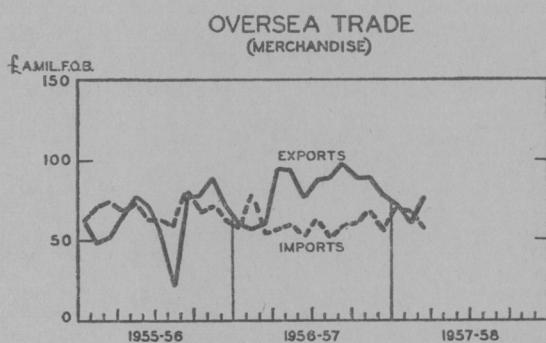
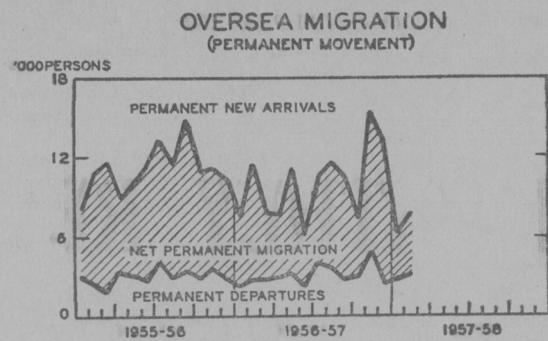
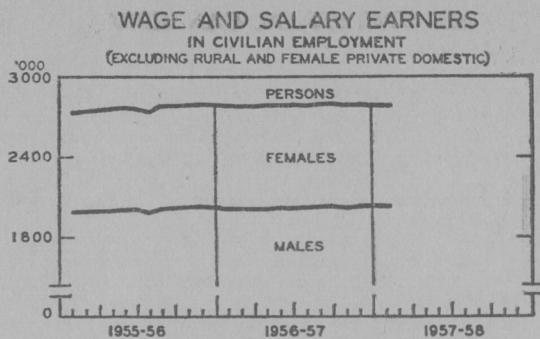
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein :—

Period.	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (Excluding Rural and female private domestic).			Average Weekly Wage Earnings (b) Index (Base : 1945-46 = 1,000).	Internal Trade.		Overseas Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of Shipment).		Building Permits(e) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	New Houses Com-menced.(f)
	—End of Month (a).				Whole-sale.(c)	Retail.(d)	Imports.	Exports.		
	Males.	Females.	Total							
Monthly Average—	'000.	'000.	'000.		£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£'000.	No.
1936-37 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	37.2	n.a.	8.6	12.3	1,986	n.a.
1937-38 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	40.5	n.a.	10.6	11.7	2,307	n.a.
1938-39 ..	(g)1,293	(g)437	(g)1,730	n.a.	39.8	n.a.	9.4	10.1	2,353	n.a.
1950-51 ..	1,882	707	2,589	1,742	140.5	342.7	61.8	81.6	10,426	(h)20,686
1951-52 ..	1,915	709	2,624	2,145	162.1	404.0	87.5	55.4	9,700	20,001
1952-53 ..	1,876	670	2,546	2,350	158.1	425.8	42.5	70.7	10,045	16,115
1953-54 ..	1,914	695	2,609	2,462	179.5	460.2	56.5	67.7	12,356	18,811
1954-55 ..	1,971	727	2,698	2,572	205.5	503.6	70.1	63.2	17,920	18,870
1955-56 ..	2,012	753	2,765	2,743	221.3	541.1	68.2	64.2	18,892	17,725
1956-57 ..	2,023	762	2,785	2,899		560.3	59.7	81.3	17,440	16,831
Monthly Total—										
1955-56—										
October ..	2,002	748	2,750	{ 2,731 { 224.7 { 596.3 { 68.1 { 65.6 { 18,197 { 17,970						
November ..	2,012	756	2,768	243.5	73.4	77.9	19,708			
December ..	2,013	758	2,771	222.2	63.2	72.4	16,230			
January ..	(i)1,991	752	(i)2,743	178.8	(i)63.4	(i)55.4	14,653			
February ..	2,019	759	2,778	208.1	(i)59.1	(i)20.0	18,736			
March ..	2,020	762	2,782	234.1	(i)80.5	(i)77.5	20,327			
April ..	2,026	760	2,786	217.8	68.0	(i)78.0	17,755			
May ..	2,028	761	2,789	235.4	71.6	(i)89.9	22,286			
June ..	2,026	759	2,785	223.7	63.4	(i)72.9	18,133			
1956-57—										
July ..	2,022	758	2,780	{ 2,863 { 210.3 { 532.7 { 57.3 { 60.9 { 18,873 { 16,589						
August ..	2,020	756	2,776	237.6	78.8	57.3	18,047			
September ..	2,020	757	2,777	229.5	53.7	60.1	15,736			
October ..	2,018	759	2,777	254.7	57.1	95.3	19,351			
November ..	2,027	765	2,792	259.9	59.7	93.6	18,264			
December ..	2,022	764	2,786	235.2	52.1	76.0	12,093			
January ..	2,018	759	2,777	209.2	62.6	87.7	15,400			
February ..	2,026	767	2,793	224.9	51.1	89.3	16,433			
March ..	2,029	769	2,798	233.4	58.6	97.9	18,082			
April ..	2,022	765	2,787	227.8	60.9	87.9	16,263			
May ..	2,026	765	2,791	{ 2,921 { r252.9 { 559.3 { 69.1 { 90.7 { 21,340 { 17,435						
June ..	2,027	762	2,789	r222.6	55.9	78.2	19,393			
1957-58—										
July ..	2,022	762	2,784	{ p234.6 { 70.6 { r71.2 { 19,997 { 67.9 { 60.0 { 21,330 { p18,120						
August ..	2,018	763	2,781			67.9	60.0	21,330		
September ..						56.9	77.1			

(a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp. Figures from 1950-51 subject to revision.
(b) Seasonally adjusted. Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (c) Net sales recorded under Sales Tax Acts. (d) Quarterly average sales for years and quarterly total sales. Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. Excludes Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (e) All building operations for which permits granted by local government authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see note (a) page 33). (f) Includes owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. From September quarter, 1954, includes Northern Territory. (g) July, 1959; obtained from National Register. (h) Partly estimated. (i) Affected by industrial disputes

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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	Production of Black Coal.	Total Electricity Generated.	Production of Ingot Steel.	New Motor Vehicles Registered (a) (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles).		Govern- ment Railways : Gross Revenue.	P.M.G.'s Depart- ment Cash Receipts.	Private Trading Banks. (b)		Bank Debits to Cus- tomers' Accounts (Weekly Averages).
				Motor Cars.	Com- merical Vehicles, etc.			Deposits.	Advances.	
Monthly Average—	'000 tons.	Million kWh	'000 tons.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£m.	£m.	£m.
1936-37 ..	977	331	90.0	4.0	2.0	3,517	1,318	297.6	262.5	n.a.
1937-38 ..	990	363	97.2	4.6	2.3	3,705	1,396	314.8	274.4	n.a.
1938-39 ..	1,051	391	97.5	4.5	2.1	3,662	1,447	317.7	288.1	n.a.
1949-50 ..	1,243	792	101.5	9.6	4.8	7,683	3,196	910.1	403.9	271.1
1950-51 ..	1,368	875	120.3	10.7	6.5	8,804	3,732	1,144.2	479.3	372.9
1951-52 ..	1,598	941	126.8	10.5	6.1	11,626	4,948	1,201.7	621.4	402.4
1952-53 ..	1,545	1,004	150.1	7.8	4.3	12,903	5,367	1,162.4	638.1	389.3
1953-54 ..	1,619	1,142	176.4	10.5	4.8	14,155	5,650	1,275.5	658.5	446.5
1954-55 ..	1,613	1,264	184.1	13.9	5.6	14,498	6,069	1,310.7	776.8	491.6
1955-56 ..	p1,586	p1,399	p194.9	13.6	5.8	14,765	6,612	1,295.4	804.4	521.4
1956-57 ..	p1,638	p1,531	p237.8	12.5	4.9		7,519	1,328.0	762.6	562.7
Monthly Total—										
1955-56—	p	p	p			(c)				
September ..	1,801	1,376	189.1	16.0	6.6	15,490	6,493	1,257.7	823.1	493.3
October ..	1,681	1,369	194.2	15.0	6.6	15,236	6,766	1,277.1	831.4	519.2
November ..	1,737	1,358	192.2	14.9	6.0	15,512	6,437	1,295.8	823.3	551.4
December ..	1,346	1,300	192.7	14.4	5.9	14,254	7,142	1,321.5	814.5	563.1
January ..	843	1,263	197.5	9.9	4.6	13,552	6,097	1,331.8	784.2	489.8
February ..	1,447	1,299	192.7	12.3	5.3	13,521	6,285	1,331.9	773.7	501.5
March ..	1,479	1,389	202.3	14.2	5.6	14,790	6,802	1,334.4	776.2	526.9
April ..	1,547	1,356	187.6	11.0	5.0	14,151	6,117	1,321.5	786.8	522.4
May ..	1,774	1,545	218.2	12.2	6.2	15,547	7,352	1,277.8	798.4	561.4
June ..	1,691	1,565	217.0	11.7	5.3	15,541	7,422	1,260.4	793.9	525.3
1956-57—										
July ..	1,852	1,655	230.3	11.8	5.4	15,227	6,743	1,243.4	797.7	541.7
August ..	1,930	1,652	206.6	13.7	5.2	16,806	6,716	1,234.4	787.0	482.1
September ..	1,703	1,500	228.6	11.5	4.5	16,094	6,455	1,248.5	778.5	526.1
October ..	1,909	1,538	226.5	13.4	5.5	17,497	8,110	1,281.5	780.2	562.2
November ..	1,844	1,486	247.7	14.1	5.6	16,712	7,225	1,311.4	771.2	571.2
December ..	1,275	1,394	247.0	12.0	4.4	14,552	7,611	1,340.6	762.2	589.6
January ..	1,085	1,410	260.4	10.9	3.9	15,027	7,073	1,362.5	744.9	531.0
February ..	1,623	1,388	237.5	12.0	3.3	14,585	7,312	1,390.9	732.5	590.7
March ..	1,608	1,543	254.5	12.1	5.3	15,347	8,020	1,416.3	725.5	597.1
April ..	1,516	1,502	246.9	11.3	4.7	15,220	7,539	1,395.0	743.5	593.9
May ..	1,726	1,693	250.5	14.6	5.8	16,569	8,457	1,368.7	757.3	597.2
June ..	1,579	1,616	246.8	12.3	5.3		8,962	1,362.1	766.2	588.8
1957-58—										
July ..	1,914	1,817	264.2	13.0	5.3		7,423	1,349.6	770.5	600.7
August ..	1,840	1,765	271.7	p11.5	p5.6		7,532	1,331.9	762.0	527.5
September ..	1,825		261.5	p13.4	p5.7		7,503	1,342.2	756.1	577.0

(a) Excludes Northern Territory prior to July, 1953; also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.
 (b) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays. (c) Calculated from monthly returns of revenue and expenditure and not strictly comparable with annual figures above as monthly details exclude certain items of revenue and expenditure which are only allocated on an annual basis.

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POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.		Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Oversea Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)	Population at end of Period.
Quarterly Average—								
1947-48	..	19,008	44,252	18,876	25,376	7,341	(d) 32,351	7,708,761
1948-49	..	18,498	44,149	19,041	25,108	25,287	(d) 49,826	7,908,066
1949-50	..	18,558	47,048	19,001	28,047	40,387	(d) 67,657	8,178,696
1950-51	..	19,211	48,114	19,896	28,218	33,244	(d) 60,770	8,421,775
1951-52	..	18,896	49,228	20,661	28,567	25,720	(d) 53,671	8,636,458
1952-53	..	17,870	50,739	20,023	30,716	14,516	(d) 44,726	8,815,362
1953-54	..	17,827	50,400	20,390	30,010	13,263	(d) 42,792	e 8,986,530
1954-55	..	17,848	51,213	20,541	30,672	22,868	53,540	9,200,691
1955-56	..	18,169	52,719	20,712	32,007	24,710	56,717	9,427,558
1956-57	..	18,111	53,753	21,467	32,286	21,594	53,880	9,643,079
Quarterly Total—								
1953-54—								
June	Qtr.	..	18,600	50,613	20,677	29,936	10,340	(d) 39,824
1954-55—								
September	"	..	15,097	50,772	24,670	26,102	16,809	42,911
December	"	..	19,664	51,162	19,091	32,071	28,883	60,954
March	"	..	17,705	51,318	17,680	33,638	25,101	58,739
June	"	..	18,924	51,600	20,723	30,877	20,680	51,557
1955-56—								
September	"	..	15,449	53,714	24,209	29,505	25,853	55,358
December	"	..	20,094	51,045	19,424	31,621	25,621	57,242
March	"	..	18,680	52,614	18,073	34,541	29,421	63,962
June	"	..	18,453	53,502	21,140	32,362	17,943	50,305
1956-57—								
September	"	..	15,328	53,698	26,511	27,187	24,446	51,633
December	"	..	19,319	52,319	20,364	31,955	22,188	54,143
March	"	..	18,825	55,546	18,641	36,905	21,198	58,103
June	"	..	18,971	53,450	20,353	33,097	18,545	51,642

(a) Excess of births over deaths. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. (c) Includes natural increase and net oversea migration. (d) Includes adjustments of population between July, 1933 and June, 1954, on the basis of Census results. (e) Census 30th June.

POPULATION: STATES.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
30th June—									
1948	..	3,015,763	2,092,320	1,131,200	661,153	515,074	261,206	12,254	19,791
1949	..	3,092,621	2,142,986	1,159,124	679,305	532,191	267,062	13,391	21,386
1950	..	3,193,372	2,208,078	1,196,185	709,547	557,096	275,902	14,692	23,824
1951	..	3,278,032	2,276,575	1,227,701	732,430	580,343	286,193	15,609	24,892
1952	..	3,339,455	2,344,491	1,259,478	755,053	599,858	296,299	15,464	26,360
1953	..	3,383,792	2,395,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,080	15,853	28,645
1954 (a)	..	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315
1955	..	3,490,331	2,523,018	1,344,572	819,549	658,538	314,679	17,580	32,424
1956	..	3,553,432	2,605,088	1,370,697	848,526	677,389	319,648	18,297	34,481
1957	..	3,622,906	2,673,498	1,396,740	873,123	691,882	327,895	19,170	37,865

(a) Census. (b) Revised estimates based on the results of the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra are as follows:— 1955, 32,750; 1956, 35,135. (c) Estimate based on the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra.

OVERSEA MIGRATION.

Permanent movement relates to persons, other than Australian troops, intending residence for one year or longer—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. Temporary movement relates to persons intending residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947 onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

Period.	Temporary Movement.				Permanent Movement.		
	Australian Residents.		Visitors from Overseas		Arrivals.	Australian Residents Departing.	Excess of Arrivals.
	Arriving.	Departing.	Arriving.	Departing.			
Monthly Average—							
1947-48	2,238	1,981	1,729	1,897	3,881	1,523	2,358
1948-49	2,007	1,898	2,829	2,566	9,568	1,511	8,057
1949-50	2,336	2,500	3,470	3,644	15,407	1,608	13,799
1950-51	2,812	2,617	3,594	3,753	12,774	1,729	11,045
1951-52	3,251	3,233	3,895	4,085	10,872	2,126	8,746
1952-53	3,351	3,427	3,838	4,198	7,991	2,717	5,274
1953-54	3,648	3,556	3,953	3,906	7,206	2,924	4,282
1954-55	4,107	4,013	4,277	4,220	10,348	2,877	7,471
1955-56	4,719	4,469	4,608	4,515	11,052	3,159	7,893
1956-57	4,604	4,162	5,532	5,617	10,050	3,209	6,841
Monthly Total—							
1955-56—							
September ..	4,781	2,714	4,021	3,847	11,675	1,989	9,686
October ..	6,313	4,558	5,078	4,501	8,868	3,451	5,417
November ..	5,735	3,530	4,611	4,876	10,083	3,224	6,859
December ..	5,158	5,376	5,618	4,755	11,221	2,793	8,428
January ..	6,201	4,828	5,703	5,468	13,328	4,227	9,101
February ..	4,549	4,936	5,294	4,826	11,436	3,004	8,432
March	4,942	6,316	5,430	5,109	14,843	3,591	11,252
April	4,431	5,500	4,252	4,863	10,913	2,983	7,930
May	3,937	6,315	4,771	4,923	11,057	3,844	7,213
June	3,687	3,559	3,405	3,929	10,393	2,987	7,406
1956-57—							
July	2,964	2,909	3,444	3,371	7,551	2,425	5,126
August	4,899	3,167	4,068	4,000	11,353	2,858	8,495
September ..	5,634	2,568	4,516	3,703	7,917	2,899	5,018
October	5,291	2,761	5,246	4,535	7,749	3,098	4,651
November ..	5,540	4,462	14,286	6,080	11,063	3,372	7,691
December ..	5,533	4,079	5,603	13,526	6,219	2,429	3,790
January	5,347	4,437	5,333	6,432	10,731	4,143	6,588
February	4,787	5,010	5,557	5,639	11,577	3,740	7,837
March	4,203	5,007	5,674	5,315	10,601	2,889	7,712
April	3,853	6,206	4,311	5,443	7,409	3,192	4,217
May	3,870	5,792	4,530	5,626	15,378	4,881	10,497
June	3,331	3,545	3,815	3,738	13,053	2,582	10,471
1957-58—							
July	3,901	3,531	3,728	3,949	6,310	3,040	3,270
August	4,424	3,531	4,423	4,118	7,811	3,333	4,478

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.(a)
('000.)

Month.	Total Civilian Employment. (Excluding Rural and Female Private Domestic.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Govern- ment- al Authori- ties.(b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Facto- ries. (c)	Build- ing and Con- struction.	Trans- port and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- merce and Finance.	Pro- fession- al and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1939—July	..	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7	133.6
1955—June	..	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	58.3	714.5	211.8	308.7	129.2	207.1
1956—June	..	604.9	1,421.0	2,025.9	57.3	722.2	214.6	310.4	129.9	212.7
1957—June	..	609.6	1,416.9	2,026.5	56.3	722.3	207.3	313.0	129.4	214.0
1956—May	..	603.6	1,424.5	2,028.1	57.1	723.1	214.0	311.4	130.1	213.6
June	..	604.9	1,421.0	2,025.9	57.3	722.2	214.6	310.4	129.9	212.7
July	..	605.7	1,416.2	2,021.9	57.2	719.9	214.0	311.0	129.5	211.0
August	..	605.7	1,414.3	2,020.0	57.5	718.2	212.7	312.2	129.0	211.3
1957—May	..	609.2	1,417.1	2,026.3	56.5	721.6	207.8	312.8	129.3	214.7
June	..	609.6	1,416.9	2,026.5	56.3	722.3	207.3	313.0	129.4	214.0
July	..	609.7	1,412.6	2,022.3	56.1	721.0	206.7	312.0	129.6	212.6
August	..	608.2	1,410.0	2,018.2	55.1	719.9	204.4	311.1	129.5	213.4
FEMALES.										
1939—July	..	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9	129.0
1955—June	..	122.8	615.7	738.5	1.1	225.3	4.9	38.4	121.6	83.1
1956—June	..	129.8	629.1	758.9	1.2	228.3	5.1	40.1	122.9	88.1
1957—June	..	132.9	629.6	762.5	1.2	225.6	5.3	40.1	121.3	90.3
1956—May	..	129.7	630.9	760.6	1.2	228.8	5.1	40.2	123.3	88.5
June	..	129.8	629.1	758.9	1.2	228.3	5.1	40.1	122.9	88.1
July	..	130.8	626.8	757.6	1.2	226.7	5.1	40.2	122.4	87.8
August	..	130.6	625.7	756.3	1.2	226.3	5.1	40.1	121.0	87.9
1957—May	..	132.6	631.9	764.5	1.2	226.6	5.3	40.1	121.9	90.3
June	..	132.9	629.6	762.5	1.2	225.6	5.3	40.1	121.3	90.3
July	..	133.8	628.3	762.1	1.2	224.8	5.3	40.1	121.3	90.1
August	..	133.7	628.7	762.4	1.2	224.9	5.3	40.0	121.0	90.1
PERSONS.										
1939—July	..	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6	262.6
1955—June	..	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.4	939.8	216.7	347.1	250.8	290.2
1956—June	..	734.7	2,050.1	2,784.8	58.5	950.5	219.7	350.5	252.8	300.8
1957—June	..	742.5	2,046.5	2,789.0	57.5	947.9	212.6	353.1	250.7	304.3
1956—May	..	733.3	2,055.4	2,788.7	58.3	951.9	219.1	351.6	253.4	302.1
June	..	734.7	2,050.1	2,784.8	58.5	950.5	219.7	350.5	252.8	300.8
July	..	736.5	2,043.0	2,779.5	58.4	946.6	219.1	351.2	251.9	298.8
August	..	736.3	2,040.0	2,776.3	58.7	944.5	217.8	352.3	250.0	299.2
1957—May	..	741.8	2,049.0	2,790.8	57.7	948.2	213.1	352.9	251.2	305.0
June	..	742.5	2,046.5	2,789.0	57.5	947.9	212.6	353.1	250.7	304.3
July	..	743.5	2,040.9	2,784.4	57.3	945.8	212.0	352.1	250.9	302.7
August	..	741.9	2,038.7	2,780.6	56.3	944.8	209.7	351.1	250.5	303.5
(a) Excludes Defence Forces, at home or abroad, and National Service Trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June, 1954, subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) Pay-roll series subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).										

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : STATES.(a)

('000.)

Month.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
MALES.										
1939—July	..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1955—June	..	779.2	556.7	272.0	178.7	136.4	64.0	4.8	8.7	2,000.5
1956—June	..	787.8	564.2	276.0	184.5	135.5	64.4	5.0	8.5	2,025.9
1957—June	..	789.5	565.1	275.8	182.9	133.6	65.2	5.5	8.9	2,026.5
1956—April	..	787.8	565.0	273.2	184.4	136.9	64.7	4.9	8.5	2,025.4
May	..	788.6	565.2	274.7	184.9	136.2	65.0	5.0	8.5	2,028.1
June	..	787.8	564.2	276.0	184.5	135.5	64.4	5.0	8.5	2,025.9
July	..	786.1	563.1	276.5	183.5	134.6	64.6	5.1	8.4	2,021.9
August	..	786.6	561.3	277.0	182.5	134.7	64.4	5.1	8.4	2,020.0
1957—April	..	788.3	564.3	271.5	183.1	134.6	66.1	5.5	8.9	2,022.3
May	..	789.9	564.9	274.1	183.3	134.1	65.7	5.5	8.8	2,026.3
June	..	789.5	565.1	275.8	182.9	133.6	65.2	5.5	8.9	2,026.5
July	..	788.3	564.3	275.0	182.1	133.3	64.8	5.5	9.0	2,022.3
August	..	785.9	563.5	274.1	182.2	133.4	64.5	5.5	9.1	2,018.2
FEMALES.										
1939—July	..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1955—June	..	292.5	227.0	89.3	60.2	43.9	21.7	1.0	2.9	738.5
1956—June	..	300.2	233.0	91.2	62.9	44.6	22.8	1.1	3.1	758.9
1957—June	..	302.2	233.5	92.8	62.8	44.2	22.6	1.2	3.2	762.5
1956—April	..	300.4	233.8	90.6	63.6	44.8	23.0	1.1	3.0	760.3
May	..	300.7	233.4	91.0	63.3	45.0	23.0	1.1	3.1	760.6
June	..	300.2	233.0	91.2	62.9	44.6	22.8	1.1	3.1	758.9
July	..	299.5	232.5	91.3	63.1	44.6	22.5	1.1	3.0	757.6
August	..	299.2	232.0	91.6	62.9	44.0	22.4	1.1	3.1	756.3
1957—April	..	302.6	234.8	92.1	63.9	44.5	22.9	1.1	3.2	765.1
May	..	303.0	233.8	92.7	63.1	44.7	22.9	1.1	3.2	764.5
June	..	302.2	233.5	92.8	62.8	44.2	22.6	1.2	3.2	762.5
July	..	302.1	233.2	92.8	62.9	44.4	22.3	1.2	3.2	762.1
August	..	302.7	232.6	93.1	62.8	44.5	22.3	1.2	3.2	762.4
PERSONS.										
1939—July	..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1955—June	..	1,071.7	783.7	361.3	238.9	180.3	85.7	5.8	11.6	2,739.0
1956—June	..	1,088.0	797.2	367.2	247.4	180.1	87.2	6.1	11.6	2,784.8
1957—June	..	1,091.7	798.6	368.6	245.7	177.8	87.8	6.7	12.1	2,789.0
1956—April	..	1,088.2	798.8	363.8	248.0	181.7	87.7	6.0	11.5	2,785.7
May	..	1,089.3	798.6	365.7	248.2	181.2	88.0	6.1	11.6	2,788.7
June	..	1,088.0	797.2	367.2	247.4	180.1	87.2	6.1	11.6	2,784.8
July	..	1,085.6	795.6	367.8	246.6	179.2	87.1	6.2	11.4	2,779.5
August	..	1,085.8	793.3	368.6	245.4	178.7	86.8	6.2	11.5	2,776.3
1957—April	..	1,090.9	799.1	363.6	247.0	179.1	89.0	6.6	12.1	2,787.4
May	..	1,092.9	798.7	366.8	246.4	178.8	88.6	6.6	12.0	2,790.8
June	..	1,091.7	798.6	368.6	245.7	177.8	87.8	6.7	12.1	2,789.0
July	..	1,090.4	797.5	367.8	245.0	177.7	87.1	6.7	12.2	2,784.4
August	..	1,088.6	796.1	367.2	245.0	177.9	86.8	6.7	12.3	2,780.6

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestic, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp. See also notes on page 6.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.				Index—Av. 3 years ended June 1939 = 1,000.	
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Un-adjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population.	
Monthly Average—	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.			
1936-37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	359.6	139.6	499.2	950	959	
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	387.7	148.2	535.9	1,019	1,019	
1938-39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031	1,022	
1949-50 ..	358.8	281.5	79.6	75.7	36.6	21.9	636.9	217.2	854.1	1,624	1,386	
1950-51 ..	379.0	290.4	83.2	80.8	38.6	22.2	664.8	229.4	894.2	1,701	1,408	
1951-52 ..	377.9	292.2	83.1	81.3	38.8	22.0	672.3	223.0	895.3	1,703	1,369	
1952-53 ..	351.4	279.1	82.1	77.2	38.7	21.5	652.7	197.3	850.0	1,617	1,268	
1953-54 ..	369.6	296.1	85.0	82.2	40.3	22.4	681.1	214.5	895.6	1,703	1,312	
1954-55 ..	384.0	308.5	87.1	85.1	41.3	23.0	704.9	224.1	929.0	1,767	1,334	
1955-56 ..	391.5	315.6	87.8	87.0	41.8	24.3	719.8	228.2	948.0	1,803	1,328	
1956-57 ..	392.9	313.4	88.1	85.9	40.9	25.4	719.2	227.4	946.6	1,800	1,296	
Monthly Total—												
1955-56—												
August ..	389.7	312.1	89.7	85.5	41.7	23.1	716.2	225.6	941.8	1,791	1,333	
September ..	390.2	312.9	90.0	86.0	42.0	23.2	717.4	226.9	944.3	1,796	1,333	
October ..	391.7	314.5	90.0	86.0	41.9	23.3	718.7	228.7	947.4	1,802	1,335	
November ..	393.3	315.6	90.2	86.4	42.2	23.5	722.4	228.8	951.2	1,809	1,338	
December ..	392.3	314.8	85.0	87.3	42.3	24.4	718.5	227.6	946.1	1,800	1,328	
January(b) ..	391.1	315.5	83.4	88.7	42.1	24.8	718.9	226.7	945.6	1,799	1,324	
February ..	394.2	318.9	85.4	88.3	42.0	24.7	721.8	231.7	953.5	1,814	1,332	
March ..	392.5	319.6	86.0	88.6	41.7	24.8	722.4	230.8	953.2	1,813	1,328	
April ..	393.1	318.5	87.0	87.8	41.5	25.4	723.9	229.4	953.3	1,813	1,326	
May ..	392.4	317.5	88.1	87.1	41.3	25.5	723.1	228.8	951.9	1,810	1,321	
June ..	391.6	316.6	89.5	86.4	41.0	25.4	722.2	228.3	950.5	1,808	1,318	
1956-57—												
July ..	389.5	315.0	90.0	86.1	40.7	25.3	719.9	226.7	946.6	1,800	1,309	
August ..	390.0	313.6	89.5	85.8	40.5	25.1	718.2	226.3	944.5	1,796	1,304	
September ..	390.9	313.7	89.7	85.6	40.8	24.6	718.1	227.2	945.3	1,798	1,303	
October ..	391.1	312.5	89.3	85.5	40.9	24.7	716.9	227.1	944.0	1,795	1,299	
November ..	392.8	313.3	89.6	85.2	41.0	24.8	719.3	227.4	946.7	1,801	1,300	
December ..	391.6	311.7	85.2	85.2	41.0	25.4	715.3	224.8	940.1	1,788	1,288	
January ..	393.0	310.7	83.4	86.8	40.9	26.2	715.0	226.0	941.0	1,790	1,288	
February ..	394.9	314.3	87.3	87.1	41.0	26.0	720.3	230.3	950.6	1,808	1,298	
March ..	396.8	316.8	87.9	87.0	41.1	25.7	722.6	232.7	955.3	1,817	1,303	
April ..	395.0	314.0	87.3	86.1	41.0	25.8	720.4	228.8	949.2	1,805	1,291	
May ..	395.3	312.7	88.1	85.4	41.1	25.6	721.6	226.6	948.2	1,804	1,288	
June ..	394.4	312.1	90.1	85.3	40.7	25.3	722.3	225.6	947.9	1,803	1,284	
1957-58—												
July ..	393.9	311.2	90.1	85.1	40.5	25.0	721.0	224.8	945.8	1,799	1,280	
August ..	393.6	311.0	89.7	85.2	40.5	24.8	719.9	224.9	944.8	1,797	1,276	

(a) Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. Figures from 1949-50 subject to revision. (b) Affected by industrial disputes

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE. (a)

("000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.(b)			
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	
Monthly Average—										
1950-51..	..	97.2	68.8	31.1	23.9	18.2	7.3	129.3	117.8	247.1
1951-52..	..	95.9	68.6	31.3	23.6	18.4	7.3	128.0	117.7	245.7
1952-53..	..	90.1	66.1	30.0	22.4	18.1	7.2	124.2	110.4	234.6
1953-54..	..	93.0	67.5	30.6	23.1	19.0	7.5	127.2	114.0	241.2
1954-55..	..	96.3	69.9	31.2	24.2	19.6	7.7	129.7	119.8	249.5
1955-56..	..	97.7	71.4	31.7	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.5	124.2	254.7
1956-57..	..	96.3	71.2	32.0	24.8	19.7	7.9	130.0	122.7	252.7
Monthly Total—										
1955-56—										
August	..	95.9	70.2	31.3	24.6	19.6	7.8	128.8	121.3	250.1
September	..	96.1	70.6	31.3	24.9	19.6	7.8	128.9	122.1	251.0
October	..	96.5	71.2	31.6	25.1	19.7	7.9	129.5	123.3	252.8
November	..	100.6	73.0	32.5	25.7	20.0	8.1	131.9	128.8	260.7
December	..	106.0	73.5	32.5	26.3	20.5	8.3	135.6	132.3	267.9
January	..	98.0	72.3	32.1	25.9	20.2	8.0	131.4	125.9	257.3
February	..	96.6	71.2	31.4	25.7	19.9	8.0	130.2	123.3	253.5
March	..	97.2	71.2	31.5	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.5	123.2	253.7
April	96.3	71.2	31.6	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.1	122.7	252.8
May	96.5	71.3	31.7	25.4	19.7	8.0	130.1	123.3	253.4
June	96.0	71.6	31.9	25.2	19.6	7.8	129.9	122.9	252.8
1956-57—										
July	95.8	71.0	31.7	25.3	19.6	7.8	129.5	122.4	251.9
August	..	95.1	70.6	31.6	24.8	19.5	7.8	129.0	121.0	250.0
September	..	94.9	70.8	31.5	24.8	19.4	7.7	128.7	121.1	249.8
October	..	95.3	71.2	31.9	24.9	19.6	7.8	129.2	122.2	251.4
November	..	99.1	72.9	32.7	25.2	19.7	7.9	131.9	126.5	258.4
December	..	103.5	73.8	32.9	25.1	20.2	8.4	134.8	130.0	264.8
January	..	96.1	71.1	32.1	25.0	19.9	8.1	130.2	122.9	253.1
February	..	95.3	70.9	31.9	24.7	19.8	8.0	129.7	121.6	251.3
March	..	95.2	70.5	31.6	24.6	19.8	7.9	129.1	121.2	250.3
April	94.7	70.5	31.6	24.6	19.6	8.0	128.8	120.7	249.5
May	95.5	70.7	32.1	24.4	19.9	7.9	129.3	121.9	251.2
June	95.0	70.7	32.2	24.4	19.8	7.9	129.4	121.3	250.7
1957-58—										
July	95.4	70.7	32.2	24.3	19.8	7.8	129.6	121.3	250.9
August	..	95.8	70.3	32.1	24.3	19.5	7.7	129.5	121.0	250.5

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. Figures subject to revision.
 (b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 75 per cent. of the estimated number of civilian wage and salary earners in employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.		New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000).								
1950-51	..	11,385	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817	27,647
1951-52	..	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1952-53	..	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178	37,163
1953-54	..	16,043	11,305	5,065	3,561	2,586	1,280	39,840
1954-55	..	17,357	12,221	5,398	3,839	2,731	1,365	42,911
1955-56	..	18,955	13,358	5,809	4,195	2,897	1,476	46,690
1956-57	..	20,167	14,111	6,218	4,387	2,979	1,596	49,458
1954-55—								
June	Qtr.	..	18,235	12,916	5,619	4,033	2,813	1,492
1955-56—								
September	..	18,454	12,890	5,765	4,097	2,844	1,414	45,464
December	..	19,683	13,664	6,034	4,267	2,980	1,462	48,090
March	..	18,229	12,832	5,435	4,057	2,849	1,442	44,844
June	..	19,453	14,045	6,002	4,359	2,915	1,587	48,361
1956-57—								
September	..	19,613	13,877	6,145	4,364	3,003	1,529	48,531
December	..	21,038	14,627	6,584	4,497	3,011	1,610	51,367
March	..	19,420	13,500	5,837	4,231	2,899	1,584	47,471
June	..	20,595	14,441	6,304	4,456	3,005	1,660	50,461

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(c)

1950-51	..	..	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.58	10.23	9.99	11.09
1951-52	..	..	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952-53	..	..	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95
1953-54	..	..	16.15	16.27	14.05	15.30	15.04	14.92	15.69
1954-55	..	..	16.96	17.06	14.51	16.09	15.55	15.60	16.42
1955-56	..	..	18.16	18.22	15.34	17.10	16.37	16.66	17.51
1956-57	..	..	19.20	19.13	16.24	17.70	17.02	17.73	18.43
1954-55—									
June	Qtr.	..	17.64	17.81	14.90	16.73	15.92	16.76	17.07
1955-56—									
September	..	..	17.79	17.75	15.16	16.98	16.12	16.11	17.16
December	..	..	18.83	18.68	15.89	17.49	16.82	16.65	18.04
March	..	..	17.46	17.43	14.54	16.43	16.08	16.25	16.81
June	..	..	18.57	19.00	15.75	17.51	16.45	17.61	18.02
1956-57—									
September	..	..	18.75	18.87	15.97	17.63	17.14	17.15	18.12
December	..	..	20.01	19.84	17.14	18.20	17.19	18.04	19.13
March	..	..	18.45	18.27	15.37	17.01	16.57	17.43	17.67
June	..	..	19.60	19.54	16.46	17.94	17.18	18.30	18.78

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civil employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences. The series is subject to revision, based on the results of the 1954 Census.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS.(a)

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

Period.	Unemployment.								Sickness.	Special. (b)
	New South Wales.(c)	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia. (d)	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	A.C.T. (e)	Australia.	Australia.	Australia.
Average of Monthly Figures—										
1949-50(f) ..	8,327	123	1,371	241	155	30	..	10,247	7,585	897
1950-51(f) ..	287	71	326	6	59	14	..	763	7,059	863
1951-52(f) ..	949	220	1,374	24	64	16	..	2,647	6,454	993
1952-53 ..	17,590	6,168	4,281	842	841	262	..	29,984	7,140	1,408
1953-54 ..	6,495	2,698	3,169	252	406	212	..	13,232	7,994	1,868
1954-55 ..	1,440	539	1,408	66	153	81	3	3,690	7,984	1,983
1955-56 ..	1,362	479	1,511	83	515	57	6	4,013	7,303	1,973
1956-57 ..	4,151	3,349	2,343	702	1,972	134	15	12,666	6,992	2,012
Last Saturday of Month—										
1955-56—										
September ..	706	327	425	37	256	80	1	1,832	7,729	1,977
October ..	658	294	427	46	215	85	2	1,727	7,402	1,957
November ..	644	277	431	44	216	64	1	1,677	7,409	1,970
December ..	965	356	1,442	56	377	48	1	3,245	6,703	1,943
January ..	1,321	359	2,561	46	414	40	1	4,742	6,846	1,965
February ..	1,932	341	3,371	55	374	50	5	6,128	7,150	1,998
March ..	2,233	350	3,268	62	536	31	12	g 6,494	6,855	1,966
April ..	1,771	566	2,223	86	683	30	18	g 5,379	6,979	1,947
May ..	1,837	760	1,562	140	989	36	11	h 5,336	7,129	1,977
June ..	2,313	1,412	1,270	319	1,606	71	12	7,003	7,244	1,947
1956-57—										
July ..	3,051	2,515	909	493	2,082	91	22	h 9,164	7,453	2,040
August ..	3,138	3,129	809	706	2,304	110	16	10,212	7,557	2,029
September ..	3,208	2,949	792	674	1,871	108	12	9,614	7,288	1,998
October ..	3,126	3,067	829	640	1,788	88	7	9,545	7,261	1,986
November ..	3,308	3,085	821	770	1,666	92	16	h 9,759	7,137	1,962
December ..	4,329	3,593	2,118	978	2,126	97	36	13,277	6,520	1,967
January ..	4,168	3,493	4,083	702	2,244	88	23	h 14,802	6,515	2,053
February ..	4,327	2,677	4,218	462	1,930	71	9	13,694	6,808	2,076
March ..	4,311	2,771	3,802	481	1,607	94	11	13,077	7,112	2,063
April ..	5,230	3,772	3,876	631	1,804	126	14	15,453	6,506	2,008
May ..	5,378	4,057	3,009	835	1,803	236	7	15,325	6,896	1,985
June ..	6,230	5,073	2,851	1,054	2,441	410	12	18,071	6,845	1,971
1957-58—										
July ..	7,318	5,887	2,411	1,345	2,772	543	15	20,291	6,813	1,970
August ..	7,878	5,618	2,216	1,320	2,458	665	20	20,175	7,176	1,965
September ..	7,177	5,271	2,458	1,233	2,120	695	19	g 18,975	7,305	2,002

(a) As furnished by the Department of Social Services. (b) Excludes migrants. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory prior to July, 1954. (d) Includes Northern Territory prior to July, 1954. (e) Included with New South Wales prior to July, 1954. (f) Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII. of the *Social Services Act 1947-1957*. (g) Includes Northern Territory, 2. (h) Includes Northern Territory, 1.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS—continued.

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT(a) AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS: AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit.			Amount paid in Benefits during Month.				
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Unemployment.	Sickness.	Special—		Total.
						Migrants.	Ordinary.	
Monthly Average—								
1949–50..	10,854	2,571	13,425	105,506	68,001	<u>35,361</u>		208,868
1950–51..	881	111	992	5,204	62,143	13,520	5,568	86,435
1951–52..	1,771	520	2,291	15,584	59,157	2,319	6,911	83,971
1952–53..	12,793	1,797	14,590	380,812	116,108	8,172	16,197	521,289
1953–54..	4,368	810	5,178	208,788	139,633	4,561	25,639	378,621
1954–55..	1,529	496	2,025	56,620	133,987	4,534	24,848	219,989
1955–56..	2,525	590	3,115	55,985	126,589	5,433	25,585	213,592
1956–57..	6,811	1,192	8,003	174,670	124,877	6,785	26,954	333,286
Monthly Total—								
1955–56—								
September ..	607	276	883	29,572	154,338	4,307	32,351	220,568
October(b) ..	706	363	1,069	23,563	121,599	11,343	16,726	173,231
November ..	663	338	1,001	22,461	120,050	4,763	24,762	172,036
December(b) ..	2,225	449	2,674	23,298	121,350	2,603	23,519	170,770
January ..	3,733	439	4,172	52,714	139,321	6,945	26,958	225,938
February ..	5,851	850	6,701	80,469	119,925	7,737	22,343	230,474
March(b) ..	3,776	816	4,592	90,790	123,763	3,278	24,865	242,696
April ..	3,078	694	3,772	108,321	120,559	8,714	24,419	262,013
May ..	2,987	790	3,777	86,573	119,215	4,563	25,652	236,003
June(b) ..	4,919	1,066	5,985	86,720	124,246	3,797	27,032	241,795
1956–57—								
July ..	5,405	1,017	6,422	101,482	120,263	8,638	22,206	252,589
August ..	6,203	1,029	7,232	141,971	147,559	6,164	29,466	325,160
September(b) ..	6,289	985	7,274	137,539	122,136	5,042	22,366	287,083
October ..	4,703	828	5,531	145,851	137,133	1,789	27,377	312,150
November ..	4,564	987	5,551	128,343	108,286	1,647	24,028	262,304
December(b) ..	7,480	1,071	8,551	119,325	106,912	3,925	24,167	254,329
January ..	8,069	849	8,918	247,430	133,027	4,747	31,168	416,372
February ..	7,755	1,245	9,000	222,303	116,006	4,956	31,777	375,042
March(b) ..	6,907	1,467	8,374	193,234	117,846	7,286	25,130	343,496
April ..	7,319	1,364	8,683	172,388	105,214	7,762	24,025	309,389
May ..	6,893	1,323	8,216	230,126	135,683	10,889	30,128	406,826
June(b) ..	10,135	2,143	12,278	256,044	148,461	18,573	31,609	454,687
1957–58—								
July ..	9,165	1,959	11,124	265,287	100,619	19,757	22,636	408,299
August(b) ..	10,309	1,755	12,064	320,163	145,700	23,601	26,473	515,937
September ..	7,272	1,370	8,642	274,373	114,295	16,827	22,881	428,376

(a) Number admitted during the four weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month except where otherwise shown. (b) Number admitted during the five weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a) : COMMODITY GROUPS.

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards) and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities. The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1948-49 to 1956-57 on a comparable basis throughout. The figures for the years 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas figures for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys. To provide comparability with the 1952-53 Census an adjustment has been made in the figures originally published for hardware, china and glassware for 1948-49 and subsequent periods.

(£ million.)

Period.	Groceries.	Butchers' Meat.	Other Food. (b)	Beer, Wine and Spirits.	Clothing, Drapery and Foot- wear.	Hard- ware.(c)	Electri- cal Goods. (d)	Furni- ture.	Other Goods.	Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.).	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.(e)
Quarterly Average—											
1948-49 ..	35.9	16.3	29.1	23.8	59.5	13.9	8.5	11.6	42.0	240.6	41.5
1949-50 ..	40.2	18.9	32.9	26.2	66.0	16.6	10.9	13.6	51.1	276.4	68.3
1950-51 ..	46.5	23.1	38.9	30.8	82.1	22.8	16.2	19.2	63.1	342.7	95.5
1951-52 ..	58.2	29.7	47.0	38.5	87.9	27.4	19.4	19.0	76.9	404.0	108.3
1952-53 ..	65.4	31.9	51.7	43.2	88.8	28.4	19.0	18.2	78.9	425.5	104.3
1953-54 ..	68.8	33.4	55.9	46.7	96.9	31.2	22.8	20.3	84.2	460.2	122.9
1954-55 ..	76.5	36.6	61.4	50.5	105.3	35.6	24.9	21.6	91.2	503.6	145.2
1955-56 ..	83.7	39.6	67.3	54.7	109.2	38.5	26.6	23.0	98.5	541.1	157.6
1956-57 ..	88.0	42.2	69.2	58.7	110.4	38.1	28.4	23.0	102.3	560.3	159.5
Quarterly Total—											
1951-52—											
June	61.6	31.2	47.3	38.6	92.6	27.1	16.6	17.7	74.9	407.6	103.5
1952-53—											
Sept.	62.8	31.8	48.6	38.7	80.3	26.4	16.9	17.3	74.7	397.5	95.2
Dec.	68.9	32.1	54.2	47.4	100.6	30.9	22.5	19.8	89.4	465.8	110.3
Mar.	63.2	31.2	51.8	44.9	76.5	27.2	18.4	17.5	75.0	405.7	101.5
June	66.6	32.7	52.2	42.0	97.7	29.3	18.0	18.2	76.4	433.1	110.3
1953-54—											
Sept.	67.9	33.4	53.0	41.9	88.0	29.6	20.1	19.6	78.9	432.4	113.6
Dec.	72.9	33.8	58.5	51.9	111.4	34.9	28.0	22.8	96.6	510.8	127.3
Mar.	65.6	32.7	56.0	48.3	82.7	28.7	22.1	18.1	78.6	432.8	117.4
June	68.7	34.0	56.2	44.6	105.5	31.5	21.0	20.5	82.8	464.8	133.4
1954-55—											
Sept.	72.3	35.9	58.2	45.4	97.2	34.3	23.2	21.8	82.4	470.7	141.3
Dec.	80.7	36.5	64.0	53.5	120.1	39.2	30.5	24.3	105.0	553.8	148.6
Mar.	74.2	36.0	61.8	53.4	89.7	33.5	23.8	19.3	86.3	478.0	136.9
June	78.7	38.1	61.7	49.7	114.1	35.5	22.2	21.1	91.0	512.1	154.0
1955-56—											
Sept.	81.2	38.5	63.6	49.2	103.1	37.8	25.2	23.4	91.9	513.9	160.4
Dec.	86.1	39.4	70.0	58.6	125.4	42.4	33.0	25.6	115.8	596.3	164.5
Mar.	83.3	39.2	69.1	56.7	92.8	35.8	24.7	20.6	91.2	513.4	151.2
June	84.1	41.3	66.4	54.2	115.7	38.1	23.7	22.5	94.9	540.9	154.3
1956-57—											
Sept.	87.0	42.2	67.5	53.0	102.1	36.6	24.5	23.0	96.8	532.7	154.3
Dec.	91.9	42.5	71.7	63.9	128.4	42.3	34.0	25.9	117.5	618.1	165.4
Mar.	84.9	41.5	69.0	60.8	95.1	36.1	26.6	20.8	96.2	531.0	154.4
June	88.2	42.8	68.5	57.1	115.9	37.2	28.4	22.3	98.9	559.3	163.7

(a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.
 (b) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread.
 (c) Excludes basic building materials (e.g., timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.)

(d) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc.

(e) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc.

(b) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread.
 (c) Excludes basic building materials (e.g., timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.)

(d) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc.

(e) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc.

RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES.

The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance companies are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each month, but from the time of assignment, are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.)
		Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	

MOTOR VEHICLES, TRACTORS, ETC.

Monthly Average—						
1954-55	.. .. ..	23,116	15,908	688	9,197	398
1955-56	.. .. ..	25,362	17,648	696	10,427	411
1956-57	.. .. ..	26,220	18,607	710	11,321	432
Monthly Total—						
1956-57—						
September	.. .. ..	25,964	18,740	722	11,270	434
October	.. .. ..	29,976	21,607	721	13,212	441
November	.. .. ..	28,326	20,305	717	12,420	438
December	.. .. ..	24,671	17,080	692	10,406	422
January	.. .. ..	25,732	17,574	683	10,692	416
February	.. .. ..	23,452	16,578	707	10,101	431
March	.. .. ..	25,326	18,039	712	10,950	432
April	.. .. ..	24,498	17,279	705	10,542	430
May	.. .. ..	27,011	19,565	724	11,905	441
June	.. .. ..	24,370	17,124	703	10,429	428
1957-58—						
July p	.. .. ..	27,544	19,431	705	11,924	433
August p	.. .. ..	27,445	19,050	694	11,731	427
September p	.. .. ..	27,489	19,177	698	11,668	424

PLANT AND MACHINERY.

Monthly Average—						
1954-55	.. .. ..	1,238	779	629	476	384
1955-56	.. .. ..	1,610	1,044	648	646	401
1956-57	.. .. ..	1,956	1,296	662	807	412
Monthly Total—						
1956-57—						
September	.. .. ..	1,615	1,476	914	956	592
October	.. .. ..	2,158	1,338	620	811	376
November	.. .. ..	2,303	1,473	640	902	392
December	.. .. ..	2,038	1,350	662	831	408
January	.. .. ..	2,173	1,282	590	795	366
February	.. .. ..	2,137	1,247	584	770	360
March	.. .. ..	2,350	1,376	586	828	352
April	.. .. ..	1,939	1,162	599	722	372
May	.. .. ..	1,933	1,306	676	805	416
June	.. .. ..	1,585	1,441	909	928	585
1957-58—						
July p	.. .. ..	1,493	977	654	624	418
August p	.. .. ..	1,638	1,233	753	763	466
September p	.. .. ..	1,704	1,350	792	848	498

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

**RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY
FINANCE COMPANIES—continued.**

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA—continued.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.)
		Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	
HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.						
Monthly Average—						
1954-55	53,772	4,089	76	3,312	62	81
1955-56	56,963	4,306	76	3,494	61	81
1956-57	56,863	4,389	77	3,517	62	80
Monthly Total—						
1956-57—						
September	47,546	3,352	71	2,677	56	80
October	56,861	4,328	76	3,436	60	79
November	59,739	4,768	80	3,825	64	80
December	67,933	5,000	74	4,033	59	81
January	61,028	4,983	82	3,962	65	80
February	55,700	4,386	79	3,530	63	80
March	59,482	4,631	78	3,713	62	80
April	53,046	4,324	82	3,468	65	80
May	63,167	5,321	84	4,299	68	81
June	53,026	4,698	89	3,767	71	80
1957-58—						
July p	60,337	5,595	93	4,451	74	80
August p	59,384	5,684	96	4,574	77	80
September p	58,901	5,732	97	4,632	79	81
TOTAL (ALL GOODS).						
Monthly Average—						
1954-55	78,126	20,776	266	12,985	166	63
1955-56	83,935	22,998	274	14,567	174	63
1956-57	85,039	24,292	286	15,645	184	64
Monthly Total—						
1956-57—						
September	75,125	23,568	313	14,903	198	63
October	88,995	27,273	306	17,459	196	64
November	90,368	26,546	294	17,147	190	65
December	94,642	23,430	248	15,270	161	65
January	88,933	23,839	268	15,449	174	65
February	81,289	22,211	273	14,401	177	65
March	87,158	24,046	276	15,491	178	64
April	79,483	22,765	286	14,732	185	65
May	92,111	26,192	284	17,009	185	65
June	78,981	23,263	295	15,124	191	65
1957-58—						
July p	89,374	26,003	291	16,999	190	65
August p	88,467	25,967	294	17,068	193	66
September p	88,094	26,259	298	17,148	195	65

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES—*continued.*

BALANCES OUTSTANDING (INCLUDING HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE), STATES.(a)
(£'000.)

As at—	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1953—							
31st March(d) ..	34,712	19,524	14,367	8,050	6,377	2,916	85,946
30th June(d) ..	35,246	20,052	15,087	8,477	6,765	3,108	88,735
30th September(d) ..	37,690	21,957	16,125	9,400	7,372	3,426	95,970
31st December(d) ..	43,205	25,407	18,404	10,959	8,415	3,865	110,255
1954—							
31st March ..	47,006	27,615	19,710	11,868	8,957	4,232	119,388
30th June ..	50,863	30,806	22,385	13,266	10,154	4,772	132,246
30th September ..	54,457	34,240	24,076	14,925	11,382	5,274	144,354
31st December ..	61,413	38,877	26,537	16,730	12,525	5,918	162,000
1955—							
31st March ..	65,469	41,843	27,472	17,425	13,197	6,434	171,840
30th June ..	69,240	44,590	29,067	18,354	14,151	7,012	182,414
30th September ..	75,422	48,283	31,029	19,749	15,078	7,460	197,021
31st December ..	79,879	53,180	32,477	21,352	16,080	7,951	210,919
1956—							
31st January ..	79,252	53,525	32,393	21,173	16,192	8,048	210,583
29th February ..	78,819	54,438	32,089	21,212	15,844	8,060	210,462
31st March ..	78,935	55,030	32,060	21,266	15,844	8,033	211,168
30th April ..	78,651	55,365	31,952	21,102	15,703	8,067	210,840
31st May ..	78,937	55,792	31,907	21,147	15,535	8,157	211,475
30th June ..	79,071	56,025	31,941	21,195	15,408	8,163	211,803
31st July ..	79,302	56,433	32,405	21,383	15,292	8,249	213,064
31st August ..	79,932	57,110	32,975	21,838	15,280	8,362	215,497
30th September ..	80,889	57,748	33,521	22,281	15,289	8,477	218,205
31st October ..	81,836	58,617	34,331	22,844	15,441	8,632	221,701
30th November ..	82,535	59,972	35,013	23,632	15,637	8,804	225,593
31st December ..	83,794	61,023	35,610	24,213	15,899	9,004	229,543
1957—							
31st January ..	84,036	61,223	35,887	24,590	15,794	8,959	230,489
28th February ..	83,819	61,328	36,010	24,696	15,417	8,938	230,208
31st March ..	83,582	61,854	36,136	24,672	15,325	9,011	230,580
30th April ..	83,841	62,292	36,307	24,626	15,447	8,972	231,485
31st May ..	84,104	63,083	36,404	24,772	15,519	9,024	232,906
30th June ..	84,831	64,042	36,415	24,873	15,488	9,010	234,659
31st July p ..	85,585	65,040	36,522	24,898	15,546	9,002	236,593
31st August p ..	86,530	66,126	36,910	25,070	15,736	8,997	239,369
30th September p ..	88,165	67,163	37,303	25,303	15,946	8,988	242,868

(a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) Excludes balances outstanding on agreements originally financed by retailers but subsequently assigned to finance companies. At 31st March, 1954, these balances amounted to less than £1 million in Australia.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

Period.	Average Monthly Net Sales Recorded.				
	Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.		
1936-37	15.4	21.8	37.2		
1937-38	16.9	23.6	40.5		
1938-39	16.4	23.4	39.8		
1945-46	22.3	33.4	55.7		
1946-47	24.6	42.2	66.8		
1947-48	26.2	53.3	79.5		
1948-49	30.3	63.1	93.4		
1949-50	38.0	72.2	110.2		
1950-51	45.6	94.9	140.5		
1951-52	52.0	110.1	162.1		
1952-53	46.3	111.8	158.1		
1953-54	57.3	122.2	179.5		
1954-55	63.9	141.6	205.5		
1955-56	66.5	154.8	221.3		
Monthly Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax.					
	10%	12½%	16⅔%	25%	30%
1956-57—					
July	11.2	25.7	9.1	5.0	8.8
August	12.8	29.5	9.3	6.0	9.3
September	12.3	28.3	8.7	5.9	9.1
October	14.3	31.9	10.3	7.1	10.7
November	15.0	32.7	9.9	7.7	10.6
December	14.9	31.6	8.6	7.2	9.1
January	10.1	25.5	6.7	4.4	8.0
February	11.5	27.1	8.7	5.2	9.1
March	12.1	27.4	9.2	5.8	9.6
April	11.3	25.4	8.9	5.7	9.4
May r	13.0	28.3	9.8	6.8	11.2
June(a) r	10.5	23.5	8.2	5.9	10.1
1957-58—					
Ju'y(a)	11.5	27.3	8.6	6.9	9.8
	64.1	170.5	234.6		

(a) Preliminary and partly estimated.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials for use in—									Fuels and Lubricants. (d)	Auxiliary Aids to Production. (e)	Munitions and War Stores.				
	Building and Construction.	Rural Industries.	Manufacturing.			Total. (c)										
			Motor Vehicle Assembly. ab	Other. (c)	Class Ic (1-4).	CLASS I.	Class II.	Class III.								
	Class IA.	Class IB.	Class Ic (5).		Class IC (1-4).		CLASS I.									
Monthly Average—				%		%				%	%					
1936-37 ..	347	4.0	143	1.7			3,269	38.0	3,759	43.7	621	7.2	415	4.8	31	0.4
1937-38 ..	472	4.4	155	1.5	(f)	(f)	4,094	38.6	4,721	44.5	784	7.4	480	4.5	36	0.3
1938-39 ..	385	4.1	171	1.8			3,448	36.5	4,004	42.4	736	7.8	476	5.1	88	0.9
1950-51 ..	3,408	5.5	415	0.7			22,231	36.0	26,054	42.2	5,032	8.1	2,929	4.7	94	0.2
1951-52 ..	4,898	5.6	518	0.6			32,889	37.6	38,305	43.8	5,902	6.8	5,458	6.2	1,132	1.3
1952-53 ..	1,482	3.5	368	0.9	(f)	(f)	14,228	33.4	16,078	37.8	5,313	12.5	1,951	4.6	755	1.8
1953-54 ..	1,946	3.4	441	0.8			19,548	34.6	21,935	38.8	5,633	10.0	1,995	3.5	351	0.6
1954-55 ..	3,044	4.3	517	0.7			25,691	36.7	29,252	41.7	4,790	6.9	2,503	3.6	728	0.9
1955-56 ..	2,567	3.8	550	0.8	5,672	8.3	25,665	37.7	g34,454	50.6	3,889	5.7	2,357	3.4	1,071	1.6
1956-57 ..	2,062	3.5	562	0.9	4,300	7.2	24,723	41.4	31,647	53.0	2,342	3.9	2,191	3.7	745	1.2
Monthly Total—								(g)								
1955-56—																
September ..	2,786	3.7	564	0.8	6,566	8.7	26,122	34.9	36,038	48.1	3,752	5.0	3,551	4.7	860	1.2
October ..	2,749	4.0	470	0.7	4,587	6.7	26,365	38.7	34,171	50.1	4,816	7.1	2,232	3.3	733	1.1
November ..	3,084	4.2	326	0.4	5,933	8.1	27,732	37.8	37,075	50.5	2,863	3.9	2,371	3.2	815	1.1
December ..	2,603	4.1	679	1.1	4,954	7.8	24,205	38.4	32,441	51.4	3,571	5.6	1,944	3.1	960	1.5
January(h) ..	2,446	3.8	483	0.8	5,241	8.3	23,944	37.7	32,114	50.6	3,811	6.0	1,661	2.6	876	1.4
February(h) ..	1,905	3.2	412	0.7	5,076	8.6	23,858	40.4	31,251	52.9	2,971	5.0	2,028	3.4	839	1.4
March(h) ..	2,597	3.2	520	0.6	8,028	10.0	29,917	37.2	41,062	51.0	3,364	4.2	2,553	3.1	1,515	1.9
April ..	2,452	3.6	424	0.6	5,838	8.6	25,566	37.6	34,280	50.4	3,255	4.8	2,395	3.5	822	1.2
May ..	2,456	3.4	934	1.3	6,085	8.5	26,112	36.5	35,587	49.7	4,258	6.0	2,731	3.8	2,356	3.3
June ..	1,866	2.9	441	0.7	5,817	9.2	24,407	38.5	32,531	51.3	3,104	4.9	1,507	2.4	840	1.3
1956-57 p—																
July ..	1,997	3.5	521	0.9	4,799	8.4	22,717	39.6	30,034	52.4	1,955	3.4	2,443	4.3	243	0.4
August ..	2,683	3.4	631	0.8	7,486	9.5	29,679	37.7	40,479	51.4	2,826	3.6	3,116	4.0	1,581	2.0
September ..	2,298	4.3	652	1.2	3,915	7.3	20,316	37.9	27,181	50.7	2,602	4.8	1,948	3.6	698	1.3
October ..	2,166	3.8	648	1.1	4,443	7.8	22,202	38.9	29,459	51.6	2,704	4.7	2,293	4.0	1,108	1.9
November ..	2,352	4.0	591	1.0	4,827	8.1	23,840	39.9	31,610	53.0	3,208	5.4	1,819	3.0	727	1.2
December ..	2,021	3.9	490	1.0	2,970	5.7	22,046	42.4	27,527	53.0	1,789	3.4	2,203	4.2	523	1.0
January ..	2,440	3.9	432	0.7	3,022	4.8	27,719	44.2	33,613	53.6	2,274	3.6	1,935	3.1	918	1.5
February ..	1,407	2.8	406	0.8	3,067	6.0	22,742	44.6	27,622	54.2	2,017	4.0	1,996	4.0	739	1.5
March ..	1,818	3.1	611	1.0	3,853	6.6	23,920	40.8	30,202	51.5	1,970	3.4	2,019	3.4	682	1.2
April ..	1,999	3.3	570	0.9	3,947	6.5	25,282	41.5	31,798	52.2	2,525	4.1	2,576	4.2	431	0.7
May ..	1,770	2.6	652	0.9	4,891	7.1	31,399	45.4	38,712	56.0	2,468	3.6	2,513	3.6	805	1.2
June ..	1,799	3.2	538	1.0	4,377	7.8	24,815	44.4	31,529	56.4	1,783	3.2	1,430	2.6	481	0.9
1957-58 p—																
July ..	2,135	3.0	690	1.0	4,687	6.7	30,324	42.9	37,836	53.6	2,371	3.4	2,793	4.0	718	1.0
August ..	1,846	2.7	728	1.1	4,801	7.1	28,144	41.5	35,519	52.4	2,471	3.6	2,185	3.2	742	1.2
September ..	1,151	2.0	516	0.9	3,655	6.4	23,872	42.0	29,194	51.3	1,324	2.3	2,077	3.7	588	1.1

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts. (c) Excludes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail and paper to be used solely for wrapping which are now recorded in classes VI E-J and III, respectively. Prior to issue No. 227 these goods were recorded in classes VI E-J and III, only for those periods subsequent to June, 1956. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in class IC (1-4). (e) Includes a percentage for paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c). (f) Included in class VB. (g) Prior to July, 1955 excludes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955 have been recorded in class IC (5). (h) Affected by industrial dispute.

For meaning of symbols p, — see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Capital Equipment.					Finished Consumer Goods.					
	Producers' Equipment.		Transport Equipment.			Food, Beverages and Tobacco.		Clothing and Accessories.		All Other.	Total.
			Complete Road Vehicles and Assembled Chassis.		Railway Equipment Vessels and Civil Aircraft.					(a)	(a)
	Class IV.	%	Class V. B.	%	Class V. A, C, D.	Class VI. A, B, C.	Class VI. D.	Class VI. E-J.	Class VI.		
Monthly Average—											
1936-37 ..	884	10.3	872	10.1	146	1.7	516	6.0	46	0.5	1,316
1937-38 ..	1,149	10.8	1,161	11.0	205	1.9	531	5.0	68	0.6	1,480
1938-39 ..	1,104	11.7	899	9.5	119	1.3	564	6.0	84	0.9	1,361
1950-51 ..	6,679	10.8	9,245	15.0	1,137	1.8	2,873	4.7	745	1.2	6,993
1951-52 ..	9,960	11.4	10,942	12.5	1,661	1.9	3,074	3.5	1,149	1.3	9,896
1952-53 ..	8,409	19.8	3,569	8.3	1,703	4.0	1,917	4.5	130	0.3	2,704
1953-54 ..	9,474	16.8	5,769	10.2	1,552	2.7	2,658	4.7	446	0.8	6,736
1954-55 ..	10,289	14.8	7,377	10.5	1,824	2.6	3,236	4.6	614	0.9	9,468
1955-56 ..	11,174	16.4	(b) 1,784	2.6	1,841	2.7	2,276	3.3	491	0.7	8,854
1956-57 ..	10,132	17.0	958	1.6	1,615	2.7	2,388	4.0	281	0.5	7,431
Monthly Total—											
1955-56—			(b)								
September ..	12,573	16.8	2,042	2.7	1,546	2.1	2,822	3.8	572	0.7	11,138
October ..	10,298	15.1	1,623	2.4	1,388	2.0	2,713	4.0	596	0.9	9,569
November ..	12,913	17.6	2,230	3.1	1,459	2.0	2,885	3.9	474	0.7	10,286
December ..	10,932	17.3	1,695	2.7	1,151	1.8	2,418	3.8	386	0.6	7,697
January(c) ..	10,566	16.7	2,126	3.4	1,337	2.1	2,116	3.3	522	0.8	8,304
February(c) ..	10,076	17.1	1,581	2.7	1,479	2.5	1,575	2.7	535	0.9	6,795
March(c) ..	13,354	16.6	2,064	2.6	3,096	3.8	3,126	3.9	766	1.0	9,632
April ..	11,971	17.6	1,449	2.2	2,268	3.3	2,846	4.2	475	0.7	8,203
May ..	12,253	17.1	1,515	2.1	1,625	2.3	1,849	2.6	357	0.5	9,036
June ..	10,711	16.9	1,750	2.8	2,641	4.2	1,961	3.1	285	0.4	8,041
1956-57 p—											
July ..	9,735	17.0	1,119	1.9	2,282	4.0	2,233	3.9	212	0.4	7,040
August ..	13,676	17.3	1,578	2.0	1,547	2.0	2,807	3.6	502	0.6	10,661
September ..	8,542	15.9	1,121	2.1	2,473	4.6	2,139	4.0	264	0.5	6,721
October ..	8,822	15.5	845	1.5	1,841	3.2	2,054	3.6	370	0.7	7,593
November ..	9,975	16.7	970	1.7	1,270	2.1	2,102	3.5	267	0.4	7,741
December ..	8,220	15.8	771	1.5	1,783	3.4	2,039	3.9	192	0.4	7,015
January ..	10,290	16.4	823	1.3	1,297	2.1	3,468	5.5	302	0.5	7,676
February ..	8,762	17.2	862	1.7	982	1.9	2,313	4.5	241	0.5	5,522
March ..	10,952	18.7	793	1.3	1,793	3.1	2,876	4.9	306	0.5	7,036
April ..	10,678	17.6	736	1.2	1,739	2.9	2,813	4.6	297	0.5	7,289
May ..	12,363	17.9	1,054	1.5	1,078	1.5	1,944	2.8	252	0.4	7,951
June ..	9,573	17.1	826	1.5	1,306	2.3	1,870	3.3	168	0.3	6,896
1957-58 p—											
July ..	12,911	18.2	1,377	2.0	1,456	2.0	1,887	2.7	332	0.5	8,924
August ..	12,478	18.4	1,241	1.8	1,886	2.7	1,921	2.8	320	0.5	9,108
September ..	10,832	19.8	1,031	1.8	903	1.6	1,919	3.4	440	0.8	8,564

(a) Includes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail, see note (c), page i8. (b) Prior to July, 1955 includes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955 have been recorded in Class Ic.

(c) Affected by industrial dispute.

For meaning of symbols p, ——, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.) (a)			Finished Consumer Goods. (Class VI.) (b)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)			
	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Total.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37 ..	1,024	373	2,362	45	303	1,530	1,069	1,505	6,032	8,606
1937-38 ..	1,241	449	3,031	48	300	1,731	1,289	1,796	7,530	10,615
1938-39 ..	1,100	351	2,553	55	309	1,645	1,155	1,627	6,653	9,435
1950-51 ..	7,007	3,178	15,869	273	1,600	8,738	7,280	10,954	43,547	61,781
1951-52 ..	7,788	4,788	25,729	359	1,446	12,314	8,147	13,933	65,399	87,479
1952-53 ..	4,712	2,195	9,171	251	1,182	3,318	4,963	9,443	28,123	42,529
1953-54 ..	6,260	3,189	12,486	385	1,471	7,984	6,645	11,384	38,520	56,549
1954-55 ..	8,818	4,986	15,448	428	2,082	10,808	9,246	13,167	47,668	70,081
1955-56 ..	10,095	4,557	19,802	423	1,191	10,007	10,518	10,913	46,760	68,191
1956-57 ..	10,650	4,740	16,256	497	1,450	8,149	11,147	9,623	38,960	59,730
Monthly Total—										
1955-56—					(c)					
September ..	8,169	4,650	23,219	348	1,646	12,538	8,517	11,503	54,874	74,894
October ..	8,226	5,623	20,322	341	1,638	10,899	8,567	13,324	46,248	68,139
November ..	10,787	4,675	21,613	571	1,473	11,601	11,358	10,384	51,629	73,371
December ..	10,549	4,241	17,651	233	1,450	8,818	10,782	10,481	41,932	63,195
January(d) ..	9,441	4,241	18,432	615	759	9,568	10,056	9,975	43,402	63,433
February(d) ..	10,492	4,259	16,500	221	930	7,754	10,713	9,268	39,149	59,130
March(d) ..	13,331	4,719	23,012	676	1,744	11,103	14,007	11,392	55,133	80,532
April ..	10,066	5,007	19,207	547	1,705	9,273	10,613	11,279	46,072	67,964
May ..	10,215	4,671	20,701	382	1,048	9,813	10,597	11,383	49,587	71,567
June ..	9,322	4,594	18,615	384	1,083	8,810	9,706	9,993	43,672	63,371
1956-57 p—										
July ..	9,236	4,385	16,413	385	1,459	7,641	9,621	8,847	38,828	57,296
August ..	10,031	6,516	23,932	404	1,905	11,661	10,435	12,791	55,547	78,773
September ..	8,996	4,177	14,008	548	1,250	7,326	9,544	9,052	35,093	53,689
October ..	10,095	4,279	15,085	426	1,038	8,553	10,521	9,046	37,522	57,089
November ..	11,398	3,832	16,380	354	1,240	8,516	11,752	9,401	38,536	59,689
December ..	10,858	3,657	13,012	613	1,071	7,562	11,471	7,409	33,182	52,662
January ..	12,274	5,120	16,219	572	2,314	8,560	12,846	10,798	38,952	62,593
February ..	10,511	4,162	12,949	405	1,544	6,127	10,916	8,599	31,541	51,056
March ..	10,671	4,467	15,064	687	1,755	7,776	11,358	9,233	38,038	58,629
April ..	10,220	5,443	16,135	572	1,760	8,057	10,792	10,835	39,255	60,882
May ..	13,494	6,022	19,196	538	1,102	8,507	14,032	10,846	44,262	69,140
June ..	10,016	4,826	16,687	465	965	7,504	10,481	8,618	36,763	55,862
1957-58 p—										
July ..	12,119	6,433	19,284	464	1,021	9,658	12,583	11,120	46,902	70,605
August ..	10,164	6,107	19,248	473	1,023	9,853	10,637	10,861	46,373	67,871
September ..	8,794	5,151	15,249	440	1,229	9,254	9,234	8,759	38,879	56,872

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately" transformed.

(a) See note (c) page 18. (b) See note (a) page 19. (c) See note (g) page 18. (d) Affected by industrial dispute.

For meaning of symbols p, —, see page 1.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Meats.	Butter.	Wheat and Flour.	Fresh Fruits.	Dried Fruits.	Sugar and Sugar Syrups.	Hides and Skins.	Wool.	Lead.	Total Exports of Merchan- dise.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37..	(a)861	734	2,029	165	172	309	609	5,209	402	12,316
1937-38..	(a)1,021	898	2,245	171	224	336	516	3,915	409	11,719
1938-39..	(a)982	1,074	1,106	169	239	348	342	3,561	356	10,128
1950-51..	2,533	1,539	8,921	477	389	1,240	2,272	52,779	1,796	81,591
1951-52..	2,957	383	7,359	572	472	586	1,428	26,953	2,156	55,437
1952-53..	5,481	1,675	7,449	791	669	1,805	1,677	33,576	2,116	70,708
1953-54..	4,816	1,338	5,053	774	617	2,639	1,620	34,202	2,004	67,655
1954-55..	5,290	2,049	5,461	731	703	2,604	1,642	29,426	2,070	63,170
1955-56..	5,039	2,414	5,513	761	650	2,070	1,747	28,127	2,162	64,236
1956-57..	4,254	2,158	6,861	716	556	2,457	2,029	40,379	2,463	81,251
Monthly Total—										
1955-56—										
September ..	4,863	1,068	4,569	122	958	3,267	1,988	17,512	2,896	51,434
October ..	6,478	3,399	4,582	143	211	2,267	1,668	30,488	1,799	65,616
November ..	8,328	3,689	5,519	195	125	3,695	1,943	37,941	2,666	77,947
December ..	7,777	4,232	3,823	55	534	1,608	2,132	37,007	2,034	72,422
January(b) ..	5,085	3,224	4,906	19	131	1,471	1,556	23,395	1,379	55,449
February(b) ..	995	106	2,754	50	14	1,033	456	8,231	283	19,985
March(b) ..	3,601	3,203	8,387	713	79	1,955	2,211	40,136	2,147	77,537
April ..	4,594	2,416	5,848	1,987	972	2,886	1,713	34,622	2,651	678,031
May ..	4,501	2,345	7,041	3,510	1,258	2,510	2,008	40,134	2,858	889,937
June ..	4,045	2,406	8,596	1,450	1,036	856	1,375	29,902	1,659	672,862
1956-57 p—										
July ..	3,612	1,623	7,333	316	553	715	1,399	27,688	1,809	60,920
August ..	4,174	2,196	7,608	241	533	2,356	1,946	16,192	3,333	57,269
September ..	4,618	1,821	8,139	106	588	3,135	1,829	21,379	2,078	60,096
October ..	4,448	3,708	8,758	334	444	3,778	2,220	45,472	4,201	95,308
November ..	4,345	2,967	8,527	156	114	4,641	2,130	48,199	2,899	93,563
December ..	3,823	2,691	6,158	42	102	2,532	1,893	41,771	2,316	75,995
January ..	4,232	4,979	8,586	35	8	2,129	1,787	42,803	2,320	87,699
February ..	4,264	2,195	5,534	138	44	4,417	2,073	48,223	3,630	89,349
March ..	3,565	1,177	7,873	727	17	1,719	1,824	58,532	2,041	97,938
April ..	2,870	765	4,924	2,406	506	1,891	2,350	50,401	2,018	87,928
May ..	4,944	1,306	4,146	3,383	2,348	826	2,288	43,822	1,708	90,726
June ..	6,156	466	4,746	703	1,414	1,351	2,606	40,064	1,202	78,226
1957-58 p—										
July ..	r6,182	412	3,378	381	1,191	2,338	r2,131	r32,729	1,433	r71,195
August ..	4,762	r795	r4,970	199	1,158	5,770	2,832	r17,451	2,362	r59,771
September ..	5,616	1,350	4,768	40	1,118	7,184	2,385	30,596	2,226	77,071

(a) Includes soups.

(b) Affected by industrial dispute.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. The index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity. (Average prices realized for exports are used for some markets.)

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold. (e)	All Groups.		
											Excl. Gold.	Incl. Gold.	
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate. (f) (g)	45.63 49.05	17.06 18.34	11.36 12.21	6.83 7.34	6.63 7.13	2.40 2.58	1.81 1.94	0.64 0.69	0.66 0.72	6.98 ..	.. 100.00	100.00 ..	
1936-37	..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	115
1937-38	..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	102
1938-39	..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	83
1950-51	..	999	432	271	689	209	410	226	356	752	176	690	654
1951-52	..	564	436	291	811	263	464	302	451	486	184	495	473
1952-53	..	616	445	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	505	483
1953-54	..	615	411	325	450	338	479	287	321	336	179	496	474
1954-55	..	538	357	313	511	344	445	267	349	218	178	450	431
1955-56	..	464	324	320	562	355	r450	286	353	238	178	414	397
1956-57	..	578	327	250	545	p368	r501	319	357	240	178	pr464	pr444
1955-56—													
September	..	437	334	313	545	398	468	278	344	235	178	404	388
October	..	437	329	337	543	408	454	282	351	238	178	406	390
November	..	437	323	364	549	383	454	284	366	227	178	407	391
December	..	453	315	368	575	364	454	283	365	232	178	414	398
January	..	460	313	361	590	348	r439	285	356	239	178	416	400
February	..	460	311	328	592	331	r438	288	364	240	178	411	395
March	..	453	312	304	592	322	r442	292	364	247	178	404	388
April	..	468	310	273	579	317	r443	293	354	248	178	406	390
May	..	498	316	265	556	324	r432	302	344	241	178	420	403
June	..	(h)505	317	299	548	335	r439	317	347	252	178	428	411
1956-57—													
July	..	490	323	272	549	343	r446	320	355	250	178	r420	403
August	..	520	326	261	558	347	r443	322	352	244	178	434	417
September	..	566	326	284	562	353	r439	323	360	243	178	460	441
October	..	551	330	260	559	361	r436	323	354	245	178	451	432
November	..	581	328	252	569	357	r439	316	352	247	178	465	445
December	..	588	329	242	566	p360	r435	315	361	237	178	p467	p447
January	..	596	332	227	570	p385	r439	311	359	226	178	p472	pr451
February	..	611	335	222	557	p388	r473	k309	360	234	178	p479	p458
March	..	596	327	218	555	p372	r568	309	359	248	178	pr471	pr451
April	..	618	321	224	548	p382	r620	k321	357	234	178	p483	p462
May	..	626	319	256	495	p398	r631	327	359	238	178	p488	pr467
June	..	596	322	284	451	p373	r642	329	362	239	178	pr473	pr452
1957-58—													
July	..	h p596	p331	278	445	p351	p577	p325	p347	240	178	p470	p450
August	..	p551	p342	274	448	p345	p622	p326	p355	239	178	p450	p431
September	..	p543	p344	274	441	p333	p571	p330	p363	242	178	p445	p426

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative.
 (c) Sultanas, raisins, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Where Australian gold has been sold on the oversea premium markets such price has been used in the index. (f) For all Groups (including Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (g) For all Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (h) Nominal.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND “OTHER GROUPS”.

Reference to the group indexes in the table on page 22 hereof shows the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool. Since wool is a predominant export (and comprises 46 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effects which movements in prices of the other components have on the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	1950-51.			1951-52.			1952-53.			1953-54.		
	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
July ..	a592	333	451	a717	400	544	a566	381	465	a641	369	493
August ..	864	340	579	551	400	468	a566	380	465	a634	367	488
September ..	890	355	599	498	400	445	551	379	457	626	365	484
October ..	890	360	602	686	403	532	588	370	469	634	363	486
November ..	965	366	639	603	398	492	588	368	469	634	360	485
December ..	973	366	643	581	403	484	618	376	486	611	358	473
January ..	1,252	368	771	566	402	477	618	376	486	603	354	468
February ..	1,339	369	811	520	402	456	626	371	487	581	350	455
March ..	1,437	377	860	460	400	427	656	369	500	581	351	456
April ..	1,094	384	708	475	397	432	671	363	503	a596	348	461
May ..	973	385	653	543	385	457	701	361	516	618	346	470
June ..	717	383	535	566	376	463	641	363	490	622	346	472
Average of Year	999	365	654	564	397	473	616	371	483	615	356	474

Period	1954-55.			1955-56.			1956-57.			1957-58.		
	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
July ..	a622	338	468	a505	347	419	490	r330	403	a p596	p327	p450
August ..	566	338	442	453	347	395	520	330	417	p551	p331	p431
September ..	566	339	442	437	347	388	566	336	441	p543	p328	p426
October ..	536	344	431	437	351	390	551	r332	432			
November ..	513	343	421	437	352	391	581	331	445			
December ..	532	348	432	453	352	398	588	p329	p447			
January ..	520	345	425	460	349	400	596	pr330	pr451			
February ..	528	342	427	460	340	395	611	pr330	p458			
March ..	528	341	426	453	r335	388	596	pr329	pr451			
April ..	520	340	422	468	325	390	618	pr331	p462			
May ..	520	340	422	498	r323	403	626	pr333	pr467			
June ..	505	343	417	a505	r331	411	596	pr332	pr452			
Average of Year	538	342	431	464	342	397	578	pr331	pr444			

(a) Nominal.

NOTE.—The index numbers in the two preceding tables indicate satisfactorily the trends of export prices, but take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. The impact of the price movements on current sales is indicated more directly by the index numbers below. In computing these the “quantity multipliers” are the quantities actually exported in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate. The index numbers for the most recent available month are:—

All Groups.	Month of September.		Three months ended September.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
Excluding Wool ..	100	100	100	99
Including Wool ..	100	97	100	99

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have, in the main, been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants. With a few important exceptions they are from Melbourne sources. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Basic Materials & Foodstuffs.			
	Metals and Coal. (a)	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chem- icals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Mat- erials.	Total.	Food- stuffs and Tobacco. (c)	Goods prin- cipally Imported (b)	Goods prin- cipally Home Produced. (c)	Total All Groups. (c)
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	98	99	98	99
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	102	102	101	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	101	99	100	100
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	229	256	240	244
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	276	288	300	297
1952-53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	293	292	331	319
1953-54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	308	271	339	319
1954-55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	315	277	340	322
1955-56 ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	325	292	352	334
1956-57 ..	409	241	520	344	302	463	367	324	311	357	344
1955-56—											
September ..	405	215	441	315	333	398	340	327	290	351	333
October ..	405	215	441	315	336	398	340	324	289	350	332
November ..	404	216	437	317	347	407	342	320	291	346	330
December ..	404	216	447	317	342	407	342	319	291	346	329
January ..	405	216	453	317	330	407	343	320	288	348	330
February ..	405	216	453	317	325	408	343	318	288	346	329
March ..	405	230	446	317	323	425	350	328	299	354	338
April ..	403	230	456	318	326	442	353	328	303	355	339
May ..	410	231	477	317	322	444	357	333	304	361	344
June ..	409	231	482	318	326	444	357	328	299	358	341
1956-57—											
July ..	410	232	461	344	314	444	358	330	301	360	343
August ..	409	240	481	344	315	445	362	329	303	361	344
September ..	411	241	513	344	312	467	368	329	309	363	347
October ..	410	241	503	344	306	467	367	325	310	359	344
November ..	413	241	522	344	306	467	369	319	314	354	342
December ..	412	241	528	344	307	467	369	321	315	355	343
January ..	412	240	533	344	307	467	369	321	316	354	343
February ..	409	244	544	344	298	467	370	324	318	356	345
March ..	407	244	532	344	296	467	368	324	315	356	344
April ..	407	244	547	344	289	467	369	324	313	358	344
May ..	403	244	548	344	289	467	367	317	311	352	340
June ..	402	240	527	345	288	467	365	328	307	360	345
1957-58—											
July ..	399	240	p524	345	283	467	p363	p333	p305	p364	p347
August ..	401	240	p495	345	283	467	p362	p339	p306	p368	p349
September ..	p401	240	p490	345	285	457	p360	p334	p303	p364	p346

(a) Special purpose index for the "Metals and Coal" group excluding coal and briquettes was 411 for September, 1957.

(b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index and does not measure changes in price of all imports.

(c) Note.—The indexes for "Foodstuffs and Tobacco", "Goods principally Home Produced" and "Total All Groups" have been reconstructed as from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For the months July, 1957, to September, 1957, respectively, indexes comparable with those previously published including potatoes and onions were "Foodstuffs and Tobacco", 330, 335 and 331; "Goods principally Home Produced", 362, 365 and 361; "Total All Groups", 345, 348 and 344.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the respective countries. For the United Kingdom and France the current indexes are not available on a pre-war base.
 (Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Australia. (a)	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Canada.	United States of America. (b)	Sweden.	United Kingdom		France.	India.
							(d)	(e)		
1936-37 ..	99	96	97	101	104	98				
1937-38 ..	101	102	103	104	101	103	Base : 30th June, 1949 = 100.		Base : 1949 = 100.	Base : 1938-39 (f) = 100.
1938-39 ..	100	102	100	95	95	99				
1951-52 ..	297	243	252	229	213	285	175	128	145	414
1952-53 ..	319	252	269	216	209	278	152	126	141	386
1953-54 ..	319	248	270	214	209	268	143	125	137	397
1954-55 ..	322	249	274	211	208	272	147	127	135	365
1955-56 ..	334	253	283	217	212	290	155	133	139	373
1956-57 ..	344	262	285	222	220	(c) 296	158	138	143	424
1956-57—										
Nov. ..	342	263	286	221	219	r296	159	137	143	428
Dec. ..	343	259	287	223	220	r298	162	138	144	429
Jan. ..	343	256	287	224	221	r300	161	138	145	422
Feb. ..	345	257	287	223	221	r298	160	138	144	425
Mar. ..	344	258	284	223	221	r298	159	138	144	421
Apr. ..	344	261	284	223	222	298	160	139	144	422
May ..	340	264	285	223	221	298	160	139	146	431
June ..	345	266	286	223	222	298	156	139	146	439
1957-58—										
July ..	p347	266	287	223	224	300	155	140	147	444
August..	p349		289		224	296	154	140		442

(a) See note (c), page 24. (b) Current series linked as at January, 1947, to former series to show movement prior to that date.
 (c) New series linked to former series as at 1955-56. (d) Basic materials (excluding fuel) used in non-food manufacturing industry.
 (e) All manufactured products other than fuel, food and tobacco. (f) Year ended August, 1939.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 (a).)

Period.	Australia. (d)	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Canada.	United States of America.	United Kingdom.
1936-37 ..	97.3	96	97	98	100	Base : 17th June, 1947 = 100b
1937-38 ..	99.8	101	101	102	101	
1938-39 ..	102.9	103	102	100	99	
1951-52 ..	233.7	176	182	186	186	131
1952-53 ..	255.0	185	194	184	189	139
1953-54 ..	262.2	195	199	184	190	140
1954-55 ..	264.4	201	204	185	190	146
	A B					
1955-56 ..	274.2 277.4	206	209	186	190	(c) 154
1956-57 ..	286.2 290.9	213	212	191	196	159
1956-57—						
January ..	287.2	287.6	211	213	191	160
February ..				213	192	160
March ..				213	192	160
April ..				213	192	160
May ..	289.3	290.1	214	214	192	161
June ..				215	193	162
1957-58—						
July ..	290.7	290.3	216	216	194	164
August ..				220	195	163
September ..						163

(a) For bases of series for the United Kingdom, see notes (b) and (c). (b) New series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100; cannot be linked to former series. (c) New series linked to former series. (d) Indexes in Columns "A" exclude, and those in Columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index numbers have been converted arithmetically to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	"C" Series Retail Price Index: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.					Weekly Wage-rate Indexes: Six States.	
	Food and Groceries. (a)	Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	All Groups. (a)	Nominal Rates, Adult Males.	"Real" Wage, Adult Males. (a)(b)
1936-37	963	968	976	996	973	949	976
1937-38	989	1,001	1,006	1,003	998	1,007	1,000
1938-39	1,048	1,031	1,018	1,001	1,029	1,044	1,015
1949-50	1,664	1,063	2,626	1,443	1,669	1,913	1,146
1950-51	1,998	1,076	3,044	1,597	1,906	2,298	1,206
1951-52	2,694	1,104	3,623	1,898	2,337	2,806	1,201
1952-53	2,950	1,194	3,893	2,124	2,550	3,104	1,217
1953-54	3,073	1,255	3,938	2,148	2,622	3,207	1,223
1954-55	3,098	1,309	3,940	2,145	2,644	3,249	1,229
	A | B				A | B	A | B	
1955-56	3,265 | 3,354	1,377	3,968	2,230	2,742 | 2,774	3,364 | 1,227	1,213
1956-57	3,395 | 3,528	1,458	4,043	2,423	2,862 | 2,909	3,525 | 1,232	1,212
1952-53—							
March Quarter	2,943	1,212	3,912	2,134	2,558	3,110	1,216
June "	2,981	1,227	3,967	2,138	2,586	3,150	1,218
1953-54—							
September Quarter	3,073	1,235	3,946	2,141	2,618	3,195	1,220
December "	3,092	1,243	3,933	2,147	2,624	3,206	1,222
March "	3,070	1,255	3,946	2,157	2,624	3,213	1,224
June "	3,055	1,286	3,927	2,148	2,621	3,214	1,226
1954-55—							
September Quarter	3,037	1,301	3,924	2,145	2,618	3,213	1,227
December "	3,063	1,306	3,939	2,147	2,631	3,233	1,229
March "	3,124	1,310	3,934	2,132	2,649	3,269	1,234
June "	3,169	1,320	3,961	2,157	2,678	3,283	1,226
1955-56—	A | B				A | B	A | B	
September Quarter	3,215 | 3,265	1,330	3,965	2,169	2,700 | 2,719	3,299 | 1,222	1,213
December "	3,239 | 3,308	1,337	3,971	2,218	2,721 | 2,746	3,345 | 1,229	1,218
March "	3,262 | 3,348	1,415	3,965	2,227	2,748 | 2,780	3,371 | 1,227	1,213
June "	3,343 | 3,495	1,425	3,971	2,305	2,797 | 2,851	3,439 | 1,230	1,206
1956-57—							
September Quarter	3,394	3,712	1,436	3,985	2,369	2,832	2,946
December "	3,380	3,559	1,446	4,024	2,418	2,849	2,913
March "	3,401	3,412	1,465	4,062	2,435	2,872	2,876
June "	3,406	3,429	1,483	4,100	2,468	2,893	2,901
1957-58—							
September Quarter	3,417	3,403	1,500	4,114	2,488	2,907	2,903

(a) Indexes in Columns "A" exclude, and those in Columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions.
weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price index number.

(b) Index of nominal

WAGE RATES AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS.

(Adult Males.)

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six Capitals or Six States.
1956 : September Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a)	3,588	3,465	3,336	3,291	3,493	3,551	3,485
Average Weekly Hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	253/-	245/-	228/-	241/-	246/-	252/-	246/-
State	(c) 263/-	(c) 263/-	(d) 237/-	(b) 241/-	(d) 261/6	(e) 272/-	..
1956 : December Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a) ..	3,675	3,466	3,387	3,291	3,534	3,551	3,527
Average Weekly Hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	253/-	245/-	228/-	241/-	246/-	252/-	246/-
State	(c) 274/-	(e) 263/-	(f) 241/-	(b) 241/-	(f) 265/2	(e) 272/-	..
1957 : March Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a) ..	3,647	3,471	3,388	3,291	3,554	3,551	3,521
Average Weekly Hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	253/-	245/-	228/-	241/-	246/-	252/-	246/-
State	(c) 270/-	(e) 263/-	(f) 241/-	(b) 241/-	(g) 266/3	(e) 272/-	..
1957 : June Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a)	3,675	3,530	3,396	3,417	3,581	3,645	3,566
Average Weekly Hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (h)	263/-	255/-	238/-	251/-	256/-	262/-	256/-
State	(c) 268/-	(e) 263/-	(i) 239/-	(j) 251/-	(k) 268/10	(e) 272/-	..
1957 : September Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a)	3,690	3,531	3,416	3,417	3,621	3,645	3,577
Average Weekly Hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (h)	263/-	255/-	238/-	251/-	256/-	262/-	256/-
State	(c) 270/-	(e) 263/-	(l) 241/-	(j) 251/-	(m) 272/9	(e) 272/-	..

(a) Index numbers: Base—Weighted Average. Six States Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. (b) Automatic adjustments discontinued. The rates shown came into operation from beginning of first pay-period commencing June, 1956. (c) Automatic adjustments operative. Rates payable as from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (d) Payable as from 23rd July, 1956. (e) Automatic adjustment discontinued. Rates shown came into operation from the beginning of the first pay-period in August, 1956. (f) Payable as from 29th October, 1956. (g) Payable as from 25th January, 1957. (h) Payable from the beginning of the first pay-period after 15th May, 1957. (i) Payable as from 29th April, 1957. (j) Payable as from 20th May, 1957. (k) Payable as from 26th April, 1957. (l) Payable as from 29th July, 1957. (m) Payable as from 19th July, 1957.

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The list of items covered by the Interim Index is representative of a high proportion of expenditure of wage earner households. It is more comprehensive than that of the "C" Series Index and some of the principal food weights and group weights differ substantially from those used in the "C" Series Index. The weighting pattern and the list of component items in the "C" Series Index relate to the pre-war pattern of wage earner expenditure and consumption, whilst those of the Interim Index relate to the consumption pattern of 1950-53.

(Base of each Group : Year 1952-53 = 100.)

Period.	Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.						
	Food.(a)		Clothing and Drapery.	Rent.	Other Items.	All Groups.(a)	
Year ended June—	A	B				A	B
1953	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1954	102.8	103.7	101.6	105.0	100.9	102.2	102.5
1955	104.8	104.6	102.4	109.6	101.4	103.7	103.6
1956	108.1	110.6	103.3	115.5	106.4	107.0	108.0
1957	112.4	115.8	105.8	122.5	117.8	113.0	114.3
Quarter ended—							
1955—December ..	107.0	109.0	103.4	112.0	106.2	106.3	107.0
1956—March ..	108.2	110.6	103.3	118.8	106.7	107.4	108.3
June ..	110.7	114.5	103.4	119.7	110.1	109.4	110.8
September ..	111.9	119.6	103.8	120.6	115.6	111.5	114.4
December ..	111.6	116.2	105.3	121.5	117.8	112.5	114.2
1957—March ..	112.6	113.2	106.3	123.1	118.5	113.5	113.7
June ..	113.3	114.2	107.9	124.6	119.3	114.5	114.8
September ..	113.7	113.8	108.4	126.1	119.9	115.1	115.1

(a) The index in Column "A" excludes, and that in Column "B" includes, potatoes and onions.

FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, etc., of products marketed. The index numbers for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The index numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary index numbers for 1956-57 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products Other than Wool.
1936-37	114	115	93	109	126	104
1937-38	98	98	102	99	95	100
1938-39	88	87	105	92	79	96
1948-49	234	313	197	260	366	225
1949-50	272	396	228	316	483	261
1950-51	291	818	258	505	1,098	308
1951-52	355	501	332	410	552	363
1952-53	364	531	387	440	623	379
1953-54	324	534	395	429	621	365
1954-55	316	489	371	401	540	355
1955-56	330	451	392	397	468	373
1956-57	p333	p532	p389	p431	p607	p372

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

SHARE PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000)

Period.	New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)						Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b)		
	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	4 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	4 Insurance Companies.	75 Companies (including 34 Miscel- laneous).	34 Active shares in cluded in foregoing (c)	12 Industrials.	12 Financial and Trading.	24 Total of foregoing.
1936-37	989	1,059	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026	1,006	1,000	1,003
1937-38	1,012	1,008	1,053	983	1,009	1,011	1,014	1,011	1,013
1938-39	999	933	841	965	969	963	980	989	984
1952-53	1,733	1,376	1,337	2,059	1,398	1,335	1,494	1,186	1,353
1953-54	1,784	1,534	1,385	2,217	1,475	1,443	1,658	1,302	1,495
1954-55	1,943	1,885	1,555	2,184	1,626	1,598	1,695	1,434	1,575
1955-56	2,038	2,178	1,751	2,142	1,726	1,649	1,726	1,475	1,612
1956-57	2,031	1,960	1,807	2,489	1,707	1,653	1,714	1,467	1,600
1955-56—									
September	2,074	2,181	1,771	2,163	1,752	1,687	1,721	1,494	1,617
October	2,082	2,160	1,808	2,157	1,753	1,681	1,694	1,468	1,590
November	2,044	2,147	1,768	2,133	1,727	1,648	1,699	1,473	1,596
December	2,039	2,189	1,780	2,147	1,734	1,655	1,701	1,477	1,598
January	2,059	2,235	1,782	2,169	1,746	1,669	1,736	1,489	1,622
February	2,043	2,230	1,780	2,159	1,735	1,659	1,746	1,469	1,619
March	2,006	2,169	1,729	2,079	1,700	1,609	1,740	1,480	1,620
April	1,995	2,153	1,679	2,089	1,688	1,599	1,740	1,473	1,618
May	1,972	2,061	1,639	2,098	1,663	1,583	1,709	1,457	1,594
June	1,918	2,010	1,613	2,112	1,632	1,551	1,668	1,428	1,559
1956-57—									
July	1,909	1,973	1,668	2,140	1,626	1,556	1,689	1,431	1,570
August	1,944	2,002	1,718	2,268	1,657	1,608	1,699	1,426	1,574
September	1,997	2,004	1,740	2,400	1,689	1,639	1,704	1,447	1,586
October	2,034	2,006	1,797	2,468	1,702	1,652	1,700	1,474	1,597
November	2,000	1,963	1,772	2,537	1,682	1,626	1,699	1,461	1,590
December	2,008	1,929	1,732	2,506	1,674	1,620	1,682	1,456	1,579
January	2,067	1,949	1,829	2,594	1,719	1,678	1,667	1,467	1,575
February	2,078	1,974	1,850	2,625	1,743	1,693	1,725	1,473	1,609
March	2,084	1,931	1,825	2,571	1,735	1,671	1,745	1,481	1,624
April	2,088	1,937	1,922	2,567	1,746	1,696	1,748	1,487	1,628
May	2,080	1,926	1,917	2,564	1,752	1,697	1,761	1,503	1,642
June	2,080	1,924	1,914	2,627	1,763	1,701	1,747	1,493	1,630
1957-58—									
July	2,151	1,922	1,995	2,747	1,815	1,757	1,755	1,509	1,642
August	2,192	1,965	2,100	2,870	1,869	1,811	1,832	1,530	1,693
September	2,219	1,979	2,013	2,864	1,883	1,824			

(a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician ; converted from original base, par values. The index numbers relate to the prices of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks) whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made for changes in the capital structure of the companies. (b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928. (c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

COMPARISON OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Export Prices.				Wholesale Prices.				Retail Prices.	
	Wool.	All Groups.			Basic Materials.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.			Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.	
		Excluding Wool.	Excluding Gold.	Total.		Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home-produced. (b)	All Groups. (b)	"C" Series Index.(c)	Interim Index.(d)
1936-37 ..	122	108	116	115	99	99	98	99	97.3	Base : 1952-53 = 100
1937-38 ..	99	105	102	102	102	102	101	101	99.8	(Arithmetically converted for comparison.)
1938-39 ..	79	87	82	83	99	99	100	100	102.9	
1949-50 ..	473	308	399	383	214	223	196	204	166.9	
1950-51 ..	999	365	690	654	264	256	240	244	190.6	74.8
1951-52 ..	564	397	495	473	321	288	300	297	233.7	91.7
1952-53 ..	616	371	505	483	350	292	331	319	255.0	100.0
1953-54 ..	615	356	496	474	332	271	339	319	262.2	102.8
1954-55 ..	538	342	450	431	330	277	340	322	264.4	103.7
1955-56 ..	464	342	414	397	345	292	352	334	(e)	(e)
1956-57 ..	578	pr331	pr464	pr444	367	311	357	344	(e)	(e)
1955-56—										
October ..	437	351	406	390	340	289	350	332	(e)	(e)
November ..	437	352	407	391	342	291	346	330		
December ..	453	352	414	398	342	291	346	329		
January ..	460	349	416	400	343	288	348	330		
February ..	460	340	411	395	343	288	346	329		
March ..	453	r335	404	388	350	299	354	338		
April ..	468	325	406	390	353	303	355	339		
May ..	498	r323	420	403	357	304	361	344		
June ..	(f)505	r331	428	411	357	299	358	341		
1956-57—										
July ..	490	r330	r420	403	358	301	360	343	(e)	(e)
August ..	520	330	434	417	362	303	361	344		
September ..	566	336	460	441	368	309	363	347		
October ..	551	r332	451	432	367	310	359	344		
November ..	581	331	465	445	369	314	354	342		
December ..	588	p329	p467	p447	369	315	355	343		
January ..	596	pr330	p472	pr451	369	316	354	343		
February ..	611	pr330	p479	p458	370	318	356	345		
March ..	596	pr329	pr471	pr451	368	315	356	344		
April ..	618	pr331	p483	p462	369	313	358	344		
May ..	626	pr333	p488	pr467	367	311	352	340		
June ..	596	pr332	pr473	pr452	365	307	360	345		
1957-58—										
July ..	(f) p596	p327	p470	p450	p363	p305	p364	p347	(e)	(e)
August ..	p551	p331	p450	p431	p362	p306	p368	p349		
September	p543	p328	p445	p426	p360	p303	p364	p346		

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index and does not measure changes in price of all imports.
 (b) See note (c) page 24. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items. (d) See note at head of page 28.

(e) For indexes for these periods see pages 26 and 28 and Statistical Bulletin No. 546. (f) Nominal.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by local government authorities. Excluding government buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 33.)

Period.	New Dwellings.		Other New Buildings.		Total New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	Total.
	Number.	Value. £'000.	Number.	Value. £'000.	Number.	Value. £'000.		
Monthly Average—								
1936-37(a) ..	1,122	1,104	154	474	1,276	1,578	408	1,986
1937-38(a) ..	1,394	1,413	147	472	1,541	1,885	422	2,307
1938-39(a) ..	1,463	1,509	137	424	1,600	1,933	420	2,353
1949-50(b) ..	3,045	5,770	113	460	3,158	6,230	899	7,129
1950-51 ..	3,558	7,857	151	1,062	3,709	8,919	1,507	10,426
1951-52 ..	2,736	6,703	165	1,270	2,901	7,973	1,727	9,700
1952-53 ..	2,506	6,472	303	1,744	2,809	8,216	1,829	10,045
1953-54 ..	2,663	7,747	328	2,538	2,991	10,285	2,071	12,356
1954-55(c) ..	3,673	11,244	378	4,083	4,051	15,327	2,593	17,920
1955-56 ..	3,361	11,040	337	5,005	3,698	16,045	2,847	18,892
1956-57 ..	3,119	10,508	328	4,279	3,447	14,787	2,653	17,440
Monthly Total—								
1955-56—								
September ..	3,983	12,533	414	4,341	4,397	16,874	2,991	19,865
October ..	3,825	12,120	355	3,604	4,180	15,724	2,473	18,197
November ..	3,758	12,112	324	5,098	4,082	17,210	2,498	19,708
December ..	2,678	8,526	294	5,352	2,972	13,878	2,352	16,230
January ..	2,647	9,010	239	3,353	2,886	12,363	2,290	14,653
February ..	3,169	10,380	330	5,428	3,499	15,808	2,928	18,736
March ..	3,311	11,007	353	6,061	3,664	17,068	3,259	20,327
April ..	2,815	10,429	294	4,334	3,109	14,763	2,992	17,755
May ..	3,366	11,744	377	7,011	3,743	18,755	3,531	22,286
June ..	3,242	10,969	314	4,177	3,556	15,146	2,987	18,133
1956-57—								
July ..	3,089	10,262	374	5,536	3,463	15,798	3,075	18,873
August ..	3,186	10,959	329	3,989	3,515	14,948	3,099	18,047
September ..	2,826	9,481	292	3,839	3,118	13,320	2,416	15,736
October ..	3,258	11,013	377	4,894	3,635	15,907	3,444	19,351
November ..	3,477	11,138	319	4,372	3,796	15,510	2,754	18,264
December ..	2,260	7,273	271	3,000	2,531	10,273	1,820	12,093
January ..	2,725	9,178	264	4,067	2,989	13,245	2,155	15,400
February ..	3,068	10,477	293	3,540	3,361	14,017	2,416	16,433
March ..	3,203	10,973	356	4,320	3,559	15,293	2,789	18,082
April ..	3,210	10,545	282	3,320	3,492	13,865	2,398	16,263
May ..	3,801	13,353	394	4,703	4,195	18,056	3,284	21,340
June ..	3,327	r11,439	381	r5,769	3,708	r17,208	2,184	r19,392
1957-58—								
July ..	3,712	12,890	394	3,891	4,106	16,781	3,216	19,997
August ..	3,961	13,347	404	4,246	4,365	17,593	3,737	21,330

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.

(b) From July, 1947, includes additional areas in the metropolitan area of Melbourne. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

(c) From July, 1954, includes additional areas in the metropolitan areas of Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

For meaning of symbols r, —, see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Australia.			New South Wales.			Victoria.		
	Government. Common- wealth and State.	Private.(a)		Govern- ment. (b) Common- wealth and State.	Private.		Govern- ment. Common- wealth and State.	Private.	
		Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas.		Sydney Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note A.		Melbourne Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note B.
Monthly Average—									
1936-37 ..	n.a.	(c)1,986	(d)627	n.a.	848	416	n.a.	667	62
1937-38 ..	n.a.	(c)2,307	(d)764	n.a.	1,093	506	n.a.	669	78
1938-39 ..	408	(c)2,353	(d)755	187	1,111	495	107	702	63
1951-52 ..	3,631	(e)9,700	(f)7,877	1,603	2,679	(g)3,717	960	(e)2,831	(h)1,947
1952-53 ..	2,772	10,045	7,671	923	2,799	3,542	1,129	2,906	1,931
1953-54 ..	(i)4,619	12,356	9,693	1,912	3,553	4,622	1,653	3,890	2,297
1954-55 ..	5,936	j17,920	(j)8,379	2,461	(k)6,340	(k)3,550	1,779	(k)5,598	(k)1,812
1955-56 ..	5,845	18,892	9,034	2,399	6,742	3,364	1,559	6,163	2,240
1956-57 ..	5,175	17,440	8,874	2,467	6,365	3,323	1,432	5,648	1,991
1955-56—									
December Qtr.	6,415	18,045	8,921	2,681	5,899	3,292	2,164	5,899	1,873
March ..	4,398	17,905	7,895	1,156	6,778	3,121	1,500	5,692	1,942
June ..	5,885	19,392	9,239	2,991	7,016	3,394	1,427	6,565	1,919
1956-57—									
September ..	5,705	17,552	8,487	2,923	6,112	3,198	1,382	6,147	1,848
December ..	4,713	16,569	8,724	2,264	5,769	2,908	918	5,138	2,084
March ..	6,062	16,638	7,924	2,770	6,299	2,981	2,098	5,455	1,833
June ..	4,222	18,998	10,366	1,911	7,280	4,207	1,331	5,851	2,199
1957-58—									
September,									
Monthly Total—									
1956-57—									
November ..	4,961	18,264	n.a.	2,484	7,317	2,898	879	5,041	1,987
December ..	3,914	12,093	n.a.	1,378	4,001	2,741	1,145	4,005	1,525
January ..	4,769	15,400	n.a.	1,263	6,290	2,139	2,075	4,849	1,631
February ..	4,946	16,433	n.a.	2,454	6,355	3,627	1,314	5,256	2,029
March ..	8,472	18,082	n.a.	4,594	6,253	3,078	2,905	6,260	1,838
April ..	4,216	16,263	n.a.	2,295	5,672	3,504	1,241	5,701	1,986
May ..	3,795	21,340	n.a.	1,442	8,428	4,773	1,661	6,194	2,576
June ..	4,657	19,392	n.a.	1,997	7,739	4,345	1,092	5,659	2,036
1957-58—									
July ..		19,997	n.a.	2,642	7,146	4,398		7,186	2,084
August ..		21,330	n.a.	2,504	7,188	3,392		7,097	1,971
September ..									

(a) See note (a) on page 33. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia.

(e) From July, 1947, the metropolitan area of Melbourne includes some additional areas. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (f) See A and B below and C and F, page 33. (g) See A below. (h) See B below. (i) See note (f), page 33. (j) See note (k) this page and note (g), page 33. (k) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.

B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Queensland.			South Australia.			Western Australia.			Tasmania.		
	Govern- ment. Common- wealth and State.	Private.(a)		Govern- ment.(b) Common- wealth and State.	Private.(a)		Govern- ment. Common- wealth and State.	Private.(a)		Govern- ment. Common- wealth and State.	Private.(a)	
		Brisbane Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note C.		Adelaide Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note D.		Perth Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note E.		Hobart Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note F.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37 ..	n.a.	153	98	n.a.	118	32	n.a.	168	n.a.	n.a.	32	19
1937-38 ..	n.a.	167	114	n.a.	173	48	n.a.	174	n.a.	n.a.	31	18
1938-39 ..	34	171	118	22	192	63	38	145	n.a.	20	32	16
1951-52 ..	228	1,426	c1,107	377	1,386	265	379	1,120	347	84	(d) 258	(e) 494
1952-53 ..	232	1,376	1,209	226	1,525	336	219	1,157	320	43	282	333
1953-54 ..	(f) 303	1,299	1,404	320	1,485	392	314	1,749	548	117	380	430
1954-55 ..	489	1,449	1,545	475	2,170	463	570	1,941	535	162	(g) 422	(g) 474
1955-56 ..	545	1,679	1,669	959	2,403	812	277	1,494	413	106	411	536
1956-57 ..	346	1,553	1,850	482	1,911	698	239	1,483	435	209	480	577
1955-56—												
Dec. Qtr.	476	1,887	1,566	704	2,324	1,300	297	1,616	410	93	420	480
Mar. "	559	1,364	1,370	772	2,397	493	359	1,233	416	52	441	553
June "	680	1,937	1,972	487	2,362	960	158	1,169	386	142	343	608
1956-57—												
Sept. ..	405	1,528	1,544	417	1,878	886	197	1,323	467	381	564	544
Dec. ..	277	1,893	2,228	800	1,698	644	224	1,663	424	230	408	436
Mar. ..	358	1,200	1,467	479	1,819	614	282	1,437	426	75	428	603
June ..	344	1,591	2,161	233	2,248	648	254	1,508	424	149	520	727
1957-58—												
Sept. ..					2,396	905					450	491
Monthly Total—												
1956-57—												
November ..	226	2,192	1,716	959	1,756	n.a.	231	1,559	452	182	399	362
December ..	400	988	3,018	319	1,567	n.a.	192	1,194	327	480	338	328
January ..	148	1,307	1,262	772	1,371	n.a.	423	1,287	362	88	296	481
February ..	449	1,221	1,782	472	1,708	n.a.	240	1,373	439	17	520	693
March ..	476	1,071	1,357	194	2,379	n.a.	183	1,650	478	120	469	635
April ..	216	1,355	2,461	137	1,664	n.a.	139	1,366	414	188	505	718
May ..	177	1,822	2,103	208	2,735	n.a.	117	1,670	467	190	491	830
June ..	638	1,598	1,920	354	2,346	n.a.	507	1,486	391	69	564	633
1957-58—												
July ..	188	1,480	2,485	394	2,074	n.a.	558	1,591	611	37	520	437
August ..	582	1,461	2,132	499	2,704	n.a.	177	2,418	690	204	462	520
					2,409	n.a.						

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.
 (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) See C below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes the whole metropolitan area of Hobart. (e) See F below. (f) From June quarter, 1954, includes the approvals of Hospital Boards not previously collected. (g) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes local government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a. r, —, see page 1.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

Period.	Commenced.			Completed.			Under Construction at end of period.		
	Houses.	Other.	Total.	Houses.	Other.	Total.	Houses.(a)	Other.	Total.(a)
Quarterly Average—									
1950-51 ..	40,478	14,615	55,093	31,243	6,258	37,501	162,399	91,632	254,031
1951-52 ..	44,951	16,224	61,175	43,187	10,876	54,063	187,239	125,534	312,773
1952-53 ..	39,358	13,909	53,267	47,634	18,169	65,803	166,706	115,629	282,335
1953-54 ..	48,471	24,220	72,691	48,580	20,962	69,542	174,515	133,478	307,993
1954-55(b)	52,367	33,197	85,564	54,294	24,037	78,331	175,426	171,309	346,735
1955-56 ..	51,915	42,951	94,866	54,859	33,142	88,001	174,463	220,426	394,889
1956-57 ..	51,031	39,843	90,874	50,623	39,551	90,174	177,464	230,515	407,979
Quarterly Total—									
1954-55—									
June Qtr. ..	53,751	36,470	90,221	57,804	26,469	84,273	175,426	171,309	346,735
1955-56—									
Sept. ..	56,433	44,004	100,437	54,634	29,865	84,499	179,476	189,730	369,206
Dec. ..	52,052	39,034	91,086	58,264	34,978	93,242	175,784	194,779	370,563
March ..	50,720	45,243	95,963	51,115	32,277	83,392	177,170	209,904	387,074
June ..	48,456	43,523	91,979	55,423	35,448	90,871	174,463	220,426	394,889
1956-57—									
Sept. ..	50,346	47,362	97,708	51,600	36,795	88,395	172,891	233,897	406,788
Dec. ..	49,867	36,077	85,944	52,809	36,681	89,490	171,905	234,454	406,359
March ..	50,769	37,828	88,597	46,483	41,843	88,326	176,748	232,249	408,997
June ..	53,142	38,107	91,249	51,599	42,885	94,484	177,464	230,515	407,979

(a) Partly estimated. (b) From September Quarter 1954, includes Northern Territory.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Northern Territory.	Total.
Quarterly Average—									
1950-51 ..	(a)12,367	13,035	4,322	3,010	2,237	2,101	429	n.a.	(a)37,501
1951-52 ..	19,052	17,231	6,335	4,531	3,606	2,628	680	n.a.	54,063
1952-53 ..	24,512	19,148	6,558	6,471	5,730	2,666	718	n.a.	65,803
1953-54 ..	25,386	21,312	6,478	6,527	6,446	2,423	970	n.a.	69,542
1954-55 ..	27,674	24,471	7,079	6,770	8,524	2,665	735	413	78,331
1955-56 ..	31,035	27,733	7,630	8,429	8,419	3,199	1,072	484	88,001
1956-57 ..	33,274	28,491	8,846	8,499	5,856	3,152	1,485	571	90,174
Quarterly Total—									
1954-55—									
June Qtr. ..	29,338	26,525	8,371	6,439	9,660	2,726	835	379	84,273
1955-56—									
Sept. ..	30,397	24,476	7,413	7,528	9,546	3,469	1,220	450	84,499
Dec. ..	33,254	29,725	8,598	8,219	9,050	2,861	964	571	93,242
Mar. ..	27,387	28,933	6,503	7,941	7,574	3,535	1,102	417	83,392
June ..	33,100	27,798	8,005	10,029	7,508	2,933	1,001	497	90,871
1956-57—									
Sept. ..	31,805	28,954	8,553	7,901	6,485	2,930	1,073	694	88,395
Dec. ..	30,197	29,111	8,406	8,958	5,954	3,030	3,091	743	89,490
Mar. ..	35,794	25,730	8,655	8,588	5,107	3,214	889	349	88,326
June ..	35,298	30,168	9,769	8,550	5,878	3,435	887	499	94,484

(a) Partly estimated.
For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.
(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Northern Territory.	Total.
COMMENCED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1951-52 ..	6,091	5,877	2,999	2,128	1,932	896	78	n.a.	20,001
1952-53 ..	5,258	4,064	2,345	1,992	1,753	571	132	n.a.	16,115
1953-54 ..	7,099	5,229	2,128	1,698	1,902	666	89	n.a.	18,811
1954-55 ..	6,375	5,668	1,946	1,797	2,144	718	160	62	18,870
1955-56 ..	6,109	5,311	1,793	2,095	1,584	623	125	85	17,725
1956-57 ..	6,089	4,912	1,893	1,708	1,391	648	127	63	16,831
Quarterly Total—									
1955-56—Sept. Qtr.	6,849	5,529	1,950	2,348	1,919	586	222	88	19,491
Dec. "	6,281	5,230	1,790	2,121	1,715	648	115	70	17,970
Mar. "	5,671	5,584	1,692	2,001	1,417	592	111	71	17,139
June "	5,636	4,902	1,741	1,907	1,285	664	51	112	16,298
1956-57—Sept. "	5,904	4,843	2,214	1,742	1,173	510	100	103	16,589
Dec. "	5,811	4,812	2,129	1,813	1,252	610	99	82	16,608
Mar. "	6,000	4,923	1,717	1,537	1,601	730	157	28	16,693
June "	6,641	5,071	1,512	1,740	1,539	741	153	38	17,435
1957-58—Sept. "	"								p18,120
COMPLETED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1951-52 ..	5,837	6,022	2,951	1,928	1,644	1,000	146	n.a.	19,528
1952-53 ..	6,222	5,310	2,650	2,235	1,991	829	147	n.a.	19,384
1953-54 ..	6,628	5,398	2,240	1,881	1,907	658	138	n.a.	18,850
1954-55 ..	7,221	5,960	1,981	1,831	2,198	620	99	50	19,960
1955-56 ..	6,593	5,663	1,849	1,930	1,940	680	151	78	18,884
1956-57 ..	5,567	5,046	1,804	1,798	1,258	690	140	82	16,385
Quarterly Total—									
1955-56—Sept. Qtr.	7,000	5,679	1,981	1,903	1,951	579	132	76	19,301
Dec. "	6,506	6,341	1,923	2,000	2,339	715	156	80	20,060
Mar. "	5,991	5,298	1,668	1,837	1,684	704	149	76	17,407
June "	6,872	5,334	1,824	1,981	1,786	723	168	80	18,768
1956-57—Sept. "	5,334	5,470	1,715	1,846	1,281	778	175	99	16,698
Dec. "	5,557	5,346	1,945	2,009	1,296	780	225	86	17,244
Mar. "	5,573	4,480	1,711	1,629	1,021	529	76	53	15,072
June "	5,803	4,889	1,846	1,709	1,432	672	85	90	16,526
1957-58—Sept. "	"								p16,575
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.(a)									
1951-52 ..	32,806	26,726	5,135	7,395	6,917	3,143	708	n.a.	82,830
1952-53 ..	28,946	21,675	3,918	6,464	5,951	2,114	646	n.a.	69,714
1953-54 ..	30,828	20,995	3,470	5,750	5,932	2,149	449	n.a.	69,573
1954-55 ..	27,448	19,827	3,329	5,602	5,715	2,536	691	211	65,359
1955-56 ..	25,516	18,399	3,106	6,252	4,284	2,305	585	240	60,687
1956-57 ..	27,605	17,863	3,461	5,854	4,819	2,137	533	163	62,435
1955-56—Sept. Qtr. ..	27,297	19,677	3,298	6,047	5,676	2,543	781	223	65,542
Dec. " ..	27,072	18,566	3,165	6,165	5,052	2,476	740	213	63,449
Mar. " ..	26,752	18,844	3,189	6,329	4,785	2,364	702	208	63,173
June " ..	25,516	18,399	3,106	6,252	4,284	2,305	585	240	60,687
1956-57—Sept. ..	26,086	17,772	3,605	6,145	4,176	2,037	510	244	60,575
Dec. ..	26,340	17,238	3,789	5,944	4,132	1,867	384	240	59,934
Mar. ..	26,767	17,681	3,795	5,823	4,712	2,068	465	215	61,526
June ..	27,605	17,863	3,461	5,854	4,819	2,137	533	163	62,435
1957-58—Sept. ..	"								p63,980

(a) Partly estimated for New South Wales and total.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p. —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

Period.	Black Coal.			Brown Coal.	Gold, (Mine Pro- duction). (a)	Heat, Light and Power.		Metals.			
	Under- ground.	Open Cut.	Total.			Gas made in Gas- works.	Total Elec- tricity Gen- er- ated.	Pig Iron.	Ingot Steel.	Zinc, Refined. (b)	Lead, Refined and Lead in Lead Bullion. (b)
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 fine oz.	Million cubic feet.	Million kWh.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Monthly Average—											
1936-37 ..	976	1	977	258	108.2	1,679	331	76.1	90.0	5,840	17,562
1937-38 ..	988	2	990	300	123.3	1,746	363	77.5	97.2	5,810	18,797
1938-39 ..	1,048	3	1,051	267	135.1	1,789	391	92.1	97.5	5,819	19,416
1950-51 ..	1,127	241	1,368	608	74.3	3,075	875	109.4	120.3	6,478	15,682
1951-52 ..	1,243	355	1,598	675	75.7	3,366	941	119.2	126.8	7,011	15,680
1952-53 ..	1,251	294	1,545	673	86.5	3,439	1,004	141.0	150.1	7,181	16,030
1953-54 ..	1,362	257	1,619	728	92.6	3,508	1,142	152.2	176.4	8,263	19,669
1954-55 ..	1,393	220	1,613	806	90.0	3,622	1,264	155.7	184.1	8,372	19,613
1955-56 p ..	1,403	183	1,586	865	86.0	3,719	1,399	159.2	193.4	8,659	18,399
1956-57 p ..	1,466	172	1,638	898	88.5	3,878	1,531	174.8	237.8	8,877	20,031
Monthly Total—											
1955-56 p—											
September ..	1,578	223	1,801	904	87.5	3,819	1,376	136.7	189.1	8,804	20,722
October ..	1,490	191	1,681	889	88.4	3,692	1,369	147.7	194.2	9,023	20,057
November ..	1,541	196	1,737	869	93.5	3,493	1,358	162.1	192.2	8,872	17,310
December ..	1,225	121	1,346	785	97.5	3,339	1,300	166.1	192.7	9,037	15,061
January ..	747	96	843	813	81.6	3,201	1,263	169.4	193.8	8,685	20,991
February ..	1,298	149	1,447	787	77.3	3,085	1,299	163.4	189.1	8,025	17,342
March ..	1,308	171	1,479	839	78.3	3,350	1,389	172.3	193.6	8,527	17,616
April ..	1,359	188	1,547	838	77.5	3,506	1,356	167.5	184.0	8,373	17,158
May ..	1,566	208	1,774	928	87.8	4,061	1,545	180.5	214.6	8,844	17,732
June ..	1,496	195	1,691	907	93.5	4,341	1,565	171.8	217.0	7,927	17,886
1956-57 p—											
July ..	1,642	210	1,852	968	93.7	4,654	1,655	179.4	230.3	9,728	24,402
August ..	1,717	213	1,930	983	r84.1	4,526	1,652	152.1	206.6	8,906	21,041
September ..	1,521	182	1,703	930	r90.7	4,078	1,500	178.4	228.6	8,785	20,831
October ..	1,721	188	1,909	951	r86.5	3,960	1,538	158.0	226.5	9,052	21,363
November ..	1,648	196	1,844	892	r96.1	3,679	1,486	187.7	247.7	8,776	20,547
December ..	1,133	142	1,275	723	r83.0	3,421	1,394	193.4	247.0	9,365	19,838
January ..	975	110	1,085	830	r84.4	3,279	1,410	189.9	260.4	9,077	18,732
February ..	1,475	148	1,623	835	r80.7	3,158	1,388	170.9	237.5	8,152	17,118
March ..	1,452	156	1,608	892	r88.6	3,584	1,543	174.4	254.5	9,030	18,024
April ..	1,358	158	1,516	887	90.6	3,629	1,502	168.1	246.9	8,962	17,188
May ..	1,529	197	1,726	966	87.2	4,313	1,693	173.3	250.5	9,229	21,253
June ..	1,421	158	1,579	916	96.4	4,257	1,616	181.7	246.8	7,461	20,034
1957-58 p—											
July ..	1,712	202	1,914	986	105.2	4,965	1,817	198.8	264.2	10,919	19,938
August ..	1,650	190	1,840	973	86.4	4,708	1,765	r196.3	271.7	9,532	21,839
September	1,636	189	1,825	916				182.2	261.5	9,196	20,313
											2,521

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia.
 Association.

(b) Source : Bureau of Mineral Resources and Australian Mines and Metals

(c) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p., r, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

Period.	Building Materials.						Cooking Stoves.			Domestic Refrigerators.
	Clay Bricks.	Roofing Tiles.		Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber. (a)	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Solid Fuel. (b)	Gas.(b)	
		Terra-cotta.	Cement.					'000 sq. yds. (d)	'000 sup. ft.	
Monthly Average—	Million.	'000.	'000.							
1936-37 ..	53.1	2,630	326	522	53.6	60.0	567	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1937-38 ..	57.4	3,023	430	678	62.2	71.0	619	4,562	3,481	749
1938-39 ..	60.0	3,307	374	791	59.8	72.3	634	4,538	3,894	730
1950-51 ..	57.4	3,918	4,230	1,771	105.1	102.9	1,265	6,251	4,613	3,733
1951-52 ..	60.0	4,072	5,540	1,944	116.0	103.1	1,373	5,975	4,251	4,240
1952-53 ..	55.6	4,831	3,338	2,022	111.6	119.9	1,285	3,994	2,978	1,883
1953-54 ..	66.8	5,315	3,721	2,174	116.7	141.7	1,349	4,198	3,587	3,098
1954-55 ..	69.9	5,328	4,477	2,340	120.8	160.0	1,482	4,147	4,897	3,929
1955-56 ..	70.0	5,392	4,483	2,208	121.2	169.6	1,510	3,942	4,753	3,984
1956-57 p..	r67.1	4,837	r3,879	2,035	119.2	186.3	r1,295	3,731	4,324	4,291
Monthly Total—										
1955-56 p—								(e)		
August ..	79.3	6,137	4,932	2,318	132.4	170.3	1,625	5,116	7,662	4,589
September ..	76.1	5,751	5,014	2,254	139.6	173.0	1,556	4,496	6,283	4,070
October ..	75.3	6,148	4,795	2,622	127.4	175.3	1,522	3,877	5,542	3,848
November ..	77.9	6,101	4,971	2,476	134.9	190.9	1,610	3,978	5,370	4,302
December ..	60.0	4,545	3,936	2,014	135.9	155.4	1,166	2,878	3,452	3,121
January ..	52.3	3,801	3,339	1,340	91.9	135.4	1,034	2,479	3,017	2,842
February ..	66.8	5,445	4,390	2,236	111.7	152.4	1,473	3,790	3,962	4,183
March ..	66.8	5,113	4,486	2,176	105.3	171.4	1,392	3,294	3,307	3,576
April ..	65.1	5,039	4,130	2,299	96.6	168.6	1,348	3,272	3,111	3,165
May ..	71.5	5,921	4,441	2,485	126.8	181.8	1,520	4,195	2,896	4,173
June ..	65.2	5,196	3,953	2,364	125.1	175.5	1,364	4,182	2,938	3,771
1956-57 p—										
July ..	r70.2	5,184	r3,973	1,990	116.9	179.6	r1,386	4,126	5,443	4,494
August ..	r72.4	5,431	r4,110	2,042	125.4	197.5	1,415	4,418	6,113	4,922
September ..	r66.3	5,102	r3,889	2,155	125.3	176.8	r1,298	3,626	5,112	4,383
October ..	r74.6	5,521	r4,337	2,113	139.5	203.6	r1,409	4,670	5,661	5,399
November ..	r70.9	4,959	r3,719	2,015	141.5	191.6	1,391	3,625	4,776	5,476
December ..	r51.7	3,847	r2,714	1,869	115.8	167.1	r1,018	2,916	3,270	4,146
January ..	r50.2	3,356	r2,880	1,293	92.3	r1,51.8	r1,015	2,824	2,670	2,587
February ..	r65.7	4,626	r3,904	1,995	113.2	171.2	1,309	2,834	3,631	3,612
March ..	r69.8	4,712	r3,970	2,362	112.4	199.9	1,327	3,746	3,802	4,348
April ..	r67.9	4,817	r4,069	1,914	107.3	197.7	1,249	3,707	3,431	3,964
May ..	77.7	5,551	r4,928	2,388	122.2	203.7	1,436	4,709	4,384	4,671
June ..	r68.2	4,940	r4,059	2,284	119.1	195.2	1,288	3,573	3,593	3,484
1957-58 p—										
July ..	77.9	5,511	4,513	r2,181		207.7	r1,441	4,080	4,330	5,753
August ..	75.2	5,118	4,464	2,274		200.4	1,412	4,475	4,881	4,227

(a) Includes sawn sleepers.

(b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation.

(e) From July, 1955,

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

Period.	Cotton Textiles.			Pure Rayon Fabrics.	Wool Textiles.			Boots and Shoes (not Rubber).
	Cotton Yarn.	Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling).			Scoured and Carbonized Wool.	Yarn.	Woven Cloth.	
	'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.		Million lb.	Million lb.	Million sq. yds.	
Monthly Average—								
1936-37 ..	730	n.a.	n.a.		8.4	2.14	2.04	1,208
1937-38 ..	965	n.a.	n.a.		7.9	2.51	2.47	1,176
1938-39 ..	974	n.a.	n.a.		8.8	2.71	2.65	1,164
1950-51 ..	2,938	2,537	905		12.7	3.87	3.16	1,409
1951-52 ..	2,872	2,617	905		10.1	3.04	2.42	1,400
1952-53 ..	2,302	2,052	1,289		10.3	2.97	2.39	1,374
1953-54 ..	3,175	2,678	1,686		11.4	3.83	2.73	1,548
1954-55 ..	3,458	2,753	1,259		11.3	3.56	2.38	1,492
1955-56 ..	3,379	3,222	1,308		12.1	3.60	2.33	1,501
1956-57 p ..	r3,555	3,856	1,878		13.7	4.02	2.73	r1,607
Monthly Total—								
1955-56 p—								
August ..	3,824	3,271	1,304		11.5	3.86	2.45	1,761
September ..	3,575	3,136	1,156		10.0	3.75	2.33	1,618
October ..	3,441	3,071	1,161		11.7	3.58	2.23	1,531
November ..	3,847	3,127	1,348		13.0	4.00	2.50	1,621
December ..	2,521	2,214	1,031		11.1	2.83	1.69	1,164
January ..	2,414	2,494	1,105		9.1	2.39	1.63	957
February ..	3,644	3,282	1,476		12.1	3.97	2.57	1,502
March ..	3,301	3,222	1,351		12.6	4.04	2.41	1,577
April ..	3,189	3,321	1,526		11.6	3.54	2.12	1,456
May ..	3,730	3,945	1,500		14.2	4.47	2.63	1,740
June ..	3,423	3,579	1,516		14.7	4.08	2.32	1,560
1956-57 p—								
July ..	r3,653	3,899	1,627		13.4	3.81	2.54	r1,677
August ..	3,982	4,144	r1,536		13.3	r4.29	2.81	r1,831
September ..	r3,520	3,831	r1,575		11.9	4.01	2.71	1,668
October ..	r4,028	4,276	1,714		13.2	r4.55	3.20	r1,878
November ..	r3,561	3,938	1,765		13.8	4.19	2.92	r1,712
December ..	2,554	2,852	1,252		12.3	r3.00	r2.06	r1,208
January ..	2,939	3,128	1,761		11.9	2.97	2.20	r1,088
February ..	3,571	4,014	2,017		14.7	4.33	2.92	r1,547
March ..	r3,598	3,852	2,443		14.6	4.32	2.96	r1,659
April ..	r3,458	3,875	2,053		13.9	4.07	2.73	r1,601
May ..	r4,134	4,476	2,297		16.0	r4.71	3.11	r1,849
June ..	r3,659	3,982	2,496		15.3	r3.98	2.66	r1,563
1957-58 p—								
July ..	4,321	4,434	r2,430		15.5	4.35	2.99	r1,756
August ..	3,837	3,796	2,169		13.2	4.07	2.82	1,710

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r. see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

Period.	Hosiery.				Underwear.(a)		Shirts, Men's and Boys'.
	Men's. (b)	Women's. Full Fash. and Circular. (c)	Children's.	Anklets (All Types) and Infants' and Babies' Wear.	Men's, Youths' and Boys'.	Women's, Maids' and Girls'.	
	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.
Monthly Average—							
1936-37 ..	83.1	157.1	(d)49.1	(e)	191.8		(f)60.6
1937-38 ..	86.7	183.7	(d)52.0	(e)	227.6		(f)69.9
1938-39 ..	91.9	178.0	(d)51.0	(e)	229.2		(f)56.2
1950-51 ..	128.0	123.1	(d)78.6	(e)	107.7	201.9	89.5
1951-52 ..	121.8	128.7		65.3	105.6	196.6	96.5
1952-53 ..	131.2	156.4		73.6	93.6	173.7	73.4
1953-54 ..	157.9	179.1	(g)	101.2	120.8	224.4	103.3
1954-55 ..	138.7	201.8		93.9	119.6	235.4	117.5
1955-56 ..	130.0	192.0		88.6	130.3	234.4	109.1
1956-57 p ..	120.6	236.1	66.6	(h) 9.2	138.1	242.4	r117.9
Monthly Total—							
1955-56 p—							
August ..	143.3	189.8		99.8	153.7	248.1	150.0
September ..	128.9	205.7		96.8	136.0	241.7	142.8
October ..	132.2	195.3		96.4	140.5	257.3	133.5
November ..	152.3	213.9		103.9	158.5	289.4	143.9
December ..	104.0	159.5		73.1	102.8	200.7	106.1
January ..	87.2	112.4	(g)	59.9	77.6	147.7	44.9
February ..	137.8	191.7		91.6	141.3	246.8	85.5
March ..	129.9	199.9		92.7	138.6	234.1	84.3
April ..	121.3	179.5		80.5	120.9	214.1	81.9
May ..	150.5	216.0		94.2	146.6	254.0	108.5
June ..	135.1	228.0		85.1	113.4	226.8	105.6
1956-57 p—				(h)			
July ..	120.0	246.0	75.5	11.7	143.1	257.4	r127.7
August ..	r138.8	256.4	74.9	11.2	143.3	265.1	146.8
September ..	132.9	242.4	71.7	10.5	143.0	240.9	r139.1
October ..	150.4	274.8	76.0	12.0	171.2	297.5	r165.6
November ..	134.4	259.4	70.3	10.8	156.2	280.0	r146.3
December ..	91.2	188.6	55.0	7.7	116.9	221.2	r102.2
January ..	78.6	174.3	45.8	5.5	101.2	172.5	59.2
February ..	116.6	242.8	70.7	8.3	145.9	261.2	r100.5
March ..	123.2	248.0	70.3	7.5	141.8	247.1	r96.1
April ..	116.7	222.6	61.3	8.1	121.4	211.2	99.3
May ..	130.6	251.9	69.1	8.8	148.4	243.1	r122.3
June ..	114.2	226.0	59.0	8.8	125.1	211.6	r109.9
1957-58 p—							
July ..	127.2	247.6	65.0	10.1	r151.1	r252.2	r155.0
August ..	131.1	225.9	63.9	7.9	165.2	242.7	153.5

(a) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric. (b) Includes Boys' prior to July, 1956.
 (c) Includes Maids' and Girls' stockings and all anklets subsequent to June, 1956. (d) Includes Infants' and Babies'. (e) Included with Children's. (f) Excludes knitted. (g) Included with Men's and Women's. (h) Infants' (sizes 0 to 3) only.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK

Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar.	Whole Milk for All Purposes.	Dairy Products (Factory Production).			Meat (Bone-in Weight). (a)					Beer. '000 gals.
				Butter.	Cheese.	Processed Full Cream Milk Products.	Beef (in- cluding Veal)	'000 tons.	Mutton.	Lamb.	Total Pigmeats (as Pork).	
	'000 short tons.	'000 tons.	Million gals.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals.(c)	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37	102.4	27.0	89.9	13,908	1,636	n.a.	45.9	16.0	10.0	7.7	79.6	6,261
1937-38	104.2	28.9	96.4	15,242	2,018	n.a.	49.7	17.2	9.9	7.2	84.0	7,084
1938-39	114.4	28.2	99.2	16,232	2,415	2,781	46.6	17.1	9.6	7.2	80.5	7,523
1950-51	141.3	37.6	99.8	13,303	3,692	7,069	54.3	13.5	9.4	7.1	84.3	14,397
1951-52	143.4	41.1	87.3	10,931	3,382	6,360	48.5	14.6	8.9	7.1	79.1	15,398
1952-53	143.9	36.7	101.3	13,632	3,883	6,951	56.2	20.8	12.2	6.9	96.1	16,446
1953-54	134.1	37.4	99.1	13,010	4,087	6,314	58.7	19.8	10.6	7.0	96.1	17,380
1954-55	129.4	40.1	110.5	15,667	3,765	5,364	60.0	20.0	12.3	8.3	100.6	18,473
1955-56	p127.8	p41.0	117.1	17,149	3,223	6,217	62.6	19.5	12.1	7.8	102.0	p19,420
1956-57p	138.1	39.9	113.5	15,807	3,734	6,785	67.0	18.1	11.6	7.4	104.1	18,793
Monthly Total—												
1955-56—												
Aug. ..	119.4	r40.6	98.1	13,277	3,162	5,350	70.3	17.3	8.7	7.9	104.2	p18,289
Sept. ..	114.4	r42.6	125.2	18,197	4,376	7,496	71.2	19.5	13.7	7.7	112.1	20,164
Oct. ..	129.7	r44.6	158.1	24,311	5,360	9,178	67.6	22.0	22.8	7.5	119.9	21,947
Nov. ..	138.8	r44.1	166.8	26,166	5,254	9,836	67.2	23.2	21.8	9.2	121.4	23,259
Dec. ..	135.6	r40.1	160.3	25,276	4,579	8,921	60.7	23.8	17.5	10.8	112.8	23,958
Jan. ..	119.9	r42.2	151.2	23,919	3,697	8,043	50.2	22.1	10.3	6.7	89.3	20,498
Feb. ..	108.6	r40.2	128.0	20,036	2,521	5,994	52.4	20.6	9.2	7.1	89.3	21,120
Mar. ..	128.1	r41.4	109.4	15,887	2,321	5,382	53.6	18.7	9.3	7.7	89.3	20,943
Apr. ..	131.3	p37.6	90.0	12,329	1,860	4,070	53.0	17.5	8.2	7.4	86.1	16,966
May ..	147.6	p43.3	77.6	9,845	1,666	3,717	65.0	16.9	8.2	7.9	98.0	15,605
June ..	135.3	p36.2	68.9	8,069	1,715	3,306	72.3	16.6	8.2	7.2	104.3	14,257
1956-57p—												
July ..	137.9	38.4	77.1	9,229	2,352	3,967	69.8	16.1	8.1	6.9	100.9	15,417
Aug. ..	145.8	39.1	102.6	13,758	3,561	5,926	70.0	16.3	9.4	6.9	102.6	17,004
Sept. ..	147.9	41.3	123.7	17,277	4,973	8,014	65.7	16.1	11.8	6.3	99.9	17,495
Oct. ..	144.1	44.4	162.6	24,187	6,514	10,711	64.7	17.9	14.8	7.8	105.2	22,129
Nov. ..	146.3	42.8	163.0	24,412	6,372	10,639	66.6	18.9	15.6	8.8	109.9	22,160
Dec. ..	141.7	40.5	159.3	24,071	5,747	9,799	58.1	17.9	16.2	10.3	102.5	23,555
Jan. ..	140.0	35.7	146.9	22,152	4,530	8,782	54.5	19.4	11.8	6.1	91.8	21,089
Feb. ..	135.0	37.5	113.7	16,324	3,053	6,727	58.5	19.4	9.9	6.6	94.4	18,215
Mar. ..	138.9	42.5	103.8	14,151	2,698	6,085	68.1	19.4	10.2	7.1	104.8	18,313
Apr. ..	116.1	36.3	82.4	10,516	1,886	4,235	63.2	18.0	9.3	7.3	97.8	17,595
May ..	136.5	41.6	68.3	7,718	1,589	3,462	83.5	20.1	11.6	7.7	122.9	17,693
June ..	127.5	39.1	58.9	5,892	1,529	3,073	81.4	18.4	10.0	7.2	117.0	14,849
1957-58p—												
July ..	138.5	40.8	68.9	7,569	2,022	3,721	81.5	17.4	8.9	7.6	115.4	16,644
August	139.5	41.7	89.9	11,257	2,924	5,753	73.2	16.5	8.8	7.5	106.0	15,635

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Whole milk equivalent.

(b) In terms of fresh meat.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes. (a)	Chemicals and Allied Products.				Motor Bodies.			Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, etc.
		Paints.				Sedans and Coupes.	Tourers and Roadsters.	Utilities.	
		Sulphuric Acid (100%).	Super- phosphate.	Ready- Mixed Paint and Enamels.	Lacquers, Nitro- Cellulose.				
'000 lb.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.	'000 gals.		No.	No.	No.	'000.
Monthly Average—									
1936-37	1,805	36.4	90.9	n.a.	n.a.	3,660	478	610	n.a.
1937-38	1,904	41.3	102.8	209	60	4,032	804	518	n.a.
1938-39	1,939	40.8	100.0	224	48	3,426	816	715	n.a.
1950-51	2,652	53.3	129.0	623	96	3,036	387	1,853	187
1951-52	2,795	54.2	133.1	633	99	3,486	390	1,865	213
1952-53	3,029	52.3	131.7	534	84	4,133	1,745	141	
1953-54	3,487	61.0	147.6	657	109	5,514	2,088	241	
1954-55	3,706	69.6	163.4	812	123	6,002	2,245	293	
1955-56	3,842	74.7	177.2	890	125	6,840	2,030	303	
1956-57 p.. ..	4,079	73.0	163.4	902	121	6,463	1,808	284	
Monthly Total—									
1955-56 p—									
August	3,992	64.5	149.6	921	137	7,703	2,344	350	
September	3,795	78.7	181.9	977	131	7,351	2,391	336	
October	3,748	75.7	168.1	983	135	6,790	2,156	309	
November	4,090	80.1	198.3	1,039	142	7,563	2,499	332	
December	3,752	80.4	179.1	868	109	5,778	1,885	245	
January	3,474	76.1	189.2	695	93	4,355	1,288	204	
February	3,851	80.6	211.5	829	129	6,826	2,202	296	
March	3,978	78.1	187.8	922	131	7,047	2,020	282	
April	3,810	76.7	176.4	873	123	5,943	1,780	280	
May	3,844	72.4	178.0	1,032	137	7,152	2,023	339	
June	3,649	66.7	159.6	800	117	5,448	1,694	301	
1956-57 p—									
July	3,848	58.3	114.4	811	r117	5,585	1,881	325	
August	3,988	65.7	150.9	879	122	6,860	1,685	325	
September	3,843	66.9	119.3	r885	113	5,756	1,632	284	
October	4,408	69.1	161.6	r1,044	r127	6,854	2,073	304	
November	4,305	63.3	128.8	1,051	123	7,214	2,061	311	
December	3,811	60.5	127.1	899	97	5,344	871	211	
January	4,071	69.8	167.8	747	101	5,053	967	205	
February	4,147	82.1	200.8	944	127	6,693	2,271	292	
March	4,074	88.8	199.5	973	146	7,971	2,124	274	
April	3,953	85.8	191.9	r900	127	6,248	1,855	281	
May	4,612	87.5	223.8	971	143	7,486	2,312	335	
June	3,892	78.9	189.1	721	112	6,492	1,959	258	
1957-58 p—									
July	3,914	80.7	178.2	831	128	8,425	2,280	335	
August	3,770	88.0	196.0	931	131	8,230	2,170	277	

(a) Details for 1954-55 and earlier periods refer to Australian factory production; 1955-56 and later figures to quantity on which excise duty was paid.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, see page 1.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas, but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base: 1953 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium. (a)	Canada. (b)	Denmark. (b)	France. (b)	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway. (b)	Sweden. (b)	United King- dom. (c)	U.S.A. (b) (d)
1950 ..	r93	85	98	87	79	55	87	87	97	94	84
1951 ..	r106	91	100	98	90	74	91	94	101	97	90
1952 ..	100	94	96	99	91	82	91	95	99	94	93
1953 ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1954 ..	106	98	109	110	109	108	110	109	104	107	93
1955 ..	116	107	112	120	118	117	118	117	111	113	104
1956 ..	122	r114	111	133	128	142	124	122	114	112	107
1955—											
July ..	100	106	76	113	124	117	116	78	61	101	97
August ..	112	109	114	94	103	118	116	108	106	98	104
September ..	120	113	120	119	125	121	123	121	116	116	106
October ..	119	114	118	123	126	120	125	124	117	121	110
November ..	124	114	119	131	121	122	126	127	122	121	108
December ..	128	106	110	127	122	128	124	117	116	114	106
1956—											
January ..	122	104	110	133	120	118	117	126	114	115	107
February ..	113	107	113	129	115	124	111	143	113	117	107
March ..	124	112	109	132	130	130	128	118	119	116	107
April ..	127	112	102	140	123	137	119	120	119	r113	107
May ..	129	114	113	146	133	137	129	112	120	112	105
June ..	125	120	114	139	131	139	130	128	r118	117	105
July ..	108	115	75	132	135	142	120	80	61	105	96
August ..	117	116	115	92	110	142	121	122	110	93	106
September ..	124	120	121	134	133	145	123	132	r121	116	109
October ..	127	121	124	141	141	146	136	133	125	118	113
November ..	129	120	125	147	133	150	134	135	125	120	110
December ..	123	113	116	145	128	155	117	121	123	110	107
1957—											
January ..	123	r110	118	140	133	141	r128	127	r119	113	108
February ..	129	113	122	144	127	151	119	144	r123	r118	110
March ..	128	114	122	145	r138	158	127	134	r123	119	110
April ..	r131	115	119	146	r136	161	125	117	r126	111	107
May ..	r131	r117	119	151	r142	166	r136	126	r126	121	107
June ..	122	119	117	150	r135	r166	125	r131	125	117	108
July ..	92	114	77	139	146	169	129	88	62	107	101
August ..			116	98		162	123	125	115	98	107

(a) Adjusted for seasonal variations and for number of working days.
(c) Partially adjusted for number of working days. Includes construction.

(b) Adjusted for number of working days.
(d) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service vehicles. Prior to January, 1956, Department of the Navy vehicles were included.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period.			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.		
	Motor Cars.(a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a)	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars. (a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a)	Motor Cycles.
				'000.	'000.	'000.
Monthly Averages.						
1947-48(b)	592	412	100	3,562	(c)2,397
1948-49(b)	655	450	117	5,539	(c)3,056
1949-50(b)	768	499	134	9,584	(c)4,829
1950-51(b)	882	548	145	10,671	6,461
1951-52(b)	1,031	581	154	10,480	6,085
1952-53(b)	1,108	579	148	7,773	4,337
1953-54	1,200	607	140	10,466	4,783
1954-55	1,347	650	133	13,900	5,598
1955-56	1,472	679	126	13,644	5,766
1956-57	1,569	703	120	12,481	4,916
Monthly Totals.						
1955-56—				(d)	(d)	(d)
September	1,383	656	130	15,991	6,563
October	1,392	657	130	15,010	6,564
November	1,409	663	130	14,897	5,994
December	1,420	666	129	14,413	5,850
January	1,428	660	128	9,887	4,563
February	1,440	670	128	12,343	5,325
March	1,452	674	128	14,202	5,631
April	1,456	674	127	10,999	5,037
May	1,464	677	126	12,213	6,182
June	1,472	679	126	11,738	5,280
1956-57—						
July	1,478	681	125	11,778	5,436
August	1,489	685	125	13,653	5,225
September	1,494	683	124	11,506	4,547
October	1,509	689	124	13,429	5,499
November	1,520	693	124	14,058	5,632
December	1,527	694	124	12,030	4,389
January	1,536	695	123	10,898	3,858
February	1,543	697	123	12,099	3,319
March	1,551	699	122	12,090	5,290
April	1,557	700	122	11,344	4,737
May	1,564	702	121	14,550	5,751
June	1,569	703	120	12,337	5,314
1957-58—						
July	1,578	710	119	12,994	5,280
August p				11,500	5,600
September p				13,350	5,650

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle ; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles, registered for private use. Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' private cars registered in Victoria were included in commercial vehicle registrations. (b) Excludes Northern Territory. (c) Includes taxis and hire cars in Victoria. (d) Includes some new registrations effected in preceding months but not passed into central registration records until subsequent months.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : OPERATIONS AND REVENUE.

Period.	Revenue Train-Miles.	Goods and Livestock.(a)		Passenger Journeys. '000.	Revenue.	
		Tons Carried. '000.	Net Ton- miles.(b) Million.		Gross. £'000.	Net. £'000.
Monthly Average—						
1946-47	7,129	3,161	467.1	41,931	5,533 455
1947-48	7,310	3,345	494.5	42,564	6,450 511
1948-49	7,690	3,428	517.7	42,225	7,165 85
1949-50	7,785	3,362	516.9	42,054	7,683 -205
1950-51	7,390	3,392	523.1	39,674	8,804 -594
1951-52	7,780	3,672	562.9	41,707	11,626 -721
1952-53	7,394	3,644	547.8	41,468	12,903 -560
1953-54	7,789	3,880	579.4	42,557	14,155 140
1954-55	7,911	3,951	608.0	43,071	14,498 124
1955-56	8,020	3,875	606.1	42,895	14,765 -659
Monthly Total—						
1954-55—					(c)	(c)
May	8,141	4,011	633.9	46,449	14,762 -860
June	8,083	3,827	597.2	42,791	14,134 -2,073
1955-56—						
July	8,126	4,091	630.9	43,104	14,194 112
August	8,342	4,317	636.2	44,990	15,396 -195
September	8,200	4,207	636.2	43,198	15,490 947
October	8,220	4,094	628.7	45,489	15,236 218
November	7,984	4,215	636.5	40,916	15,512 -49
December	8,002	3,734	574.4	39,862	14,254 -1,203
January	7,765	3,186	522.6	42,273	13,552 -668
February	7,284	3,468	560.8	42,929	13,521 -941
March	8,047	3,622	603.4	42,160	14,790 -478
April	7,732	3,685	576.2	44,257	14,151 -759
May	8,453	4,067	649.4	43,329	15,547 -2,527
June	8,080	3,810	618.3	42,232	15,541 -2,361
1956-57 p—						
July	8,147	4,184	634.1	44,061	15,227 -328
August	8,531	4,369	658.8	39,928	16,806 577
September	8,061	4,061	633.4	41,695	16,094 1,283
October	8,537	4,476	670.5	44,995	17,497 967
November	8,131	4,219	641.2	40,735	16,712 -244
December	7,732	3,419	560.6	40,711	14,552 -1,224
January	7,902	3,534	586.5	39,933	15,027 -58
February	7,264	3,750	591.6	41,026	14,585 -454
March	7,886	3,789	624.0	41,497	15,347 -84
April	7,503	3,676	594.7	42,343	15,220 -27
May	8,153	4,057	667.2	41,604	16,569 -385

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) From 1948-49 figures are partly estimated.
(c) Calculated from monthly returns of revenue and expenditure and not strictly comparable with annual figures above as monthly details exclude certain items of revenue and expenditure which are only allocated on an annual basis.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.
For meaning of symbols p, —, see page 1.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS WEIGHT.

(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton measurement.) (a)

Period.	Oversea Cargo.		Interstate Cargo Shipped from—						
	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (b)
Monthly Average—									
1947-48..	..	378	415	270	46	34	200	7	34
1948-49..	..	452	487	257	41	32	152	5	32
1949-50..	..	422	641	233	37	30	198	5	32
1950-51..	..	450	757	232	37	36	222	5	28
1951-52..	..	374	810	280	37	45	238	11	29
1952-53..	..	504	644	285	34	53	247	52	33
1953-54..	..	479	711	307	39	36	287	54	35
1954-55..	..	507	916	302	74	43	318	73	41
1955-56..	..	555	1,036	293	99	47	350	137	43
1956-57	..	728	1,050	309	97	60	r378	r116	r32
Monthly Total—									
1955-56—									
August	..	496	1,056	329	119	65	340	142	43
September	..	454	981	311	99	70	360	179	48
October	..	460	971	305	97	62	340	117	34
November	..	513	1,085	284	124	48	329	143	42
December	..	560	1,117	250	110	61	290	164	26
January(c)	..	464	942	192	89	29	371	174	35
February(c)	..	369	898	177	90	21	295	105	19
March	..	722	1,133	286	69	43	374	113	55
April	683	1,007	301	103	14	356	109	50
May	821	1,300	366	95	27	392	133	57
June	663	1,082	319	91	37	387	148	55
1956-57—									
July	686	968	314	62	60	342	99	34
August	..	715	r1,081	376	91	50	369	120	42
September	..	786	965	326	72	55	410	137	40
October	..	769	1,127	r313	r113	68	408	r106	r29
November	..	794	1,110	331	107	86	431	116	37
December	..	r712	963	r266	132	79	375	107	30
January	..	796	1,119	257	82	65	r418	r124	30
February	..	751	r953	246	135	60	357	r122	25
March	..	r861	1,005	282	92	56	428	129	25
April	597	1,049	260	r84	47	359	120	28
May	r666	1,302	417	143	37	353	r109	32
June	601	954	319	51	52	283	98	36
1957-58—									
July	665	1,256	317	135	61	347	96	40
August	..	732	1,126	337	75	78	349	117	35

(a) Additional to figures for Tons Measurement on page 46.
dispute.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Affected by industrial

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS OF 40 CUBIC FEET MEASUREMENT.
(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton weight.)^(a)

Period.	Oversea Cargo.		Interstate Cargo Shipped from—							
	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (b)	
Monthly Average—										
1947-48..	..	104	160	29	18	12	16	6	24	105
1948-49..	..	114	214	29	20	10	15	6	18	98
1949-50..	..	116	298	25	21	11	17	7	20	101
1950-51..	..	108	333	27	20	10	20	6	27	110
1951-52..	..	103	391	32	25	9	17	6	21	110
1952-53..	..	121	161	31	22	8	17	9	19	106
1953-54..	..	113	234	36	35	10	19	8	20	128
1954-55..	..	118	284	34	35	10	16	8	20	123
1955-56..	..	129	285	24	31	9	12	8	27	111
1956-57..	..	114	229	20	32	7	8	7	r33	r107
Monthly Total—										
1955-56—										
August	..	130	324	24	32	13	16	9	32	126
September	..	123	289	34	36	17	16	12	37	152
October	..	133	325	24	38	11	14	6	23	116
November	..	112	322	27	39	18	16	12	30	142
December	..	112	316	22	32	3	14	8	18	97
January(c)	..	65	213	15	20	4	5	3	17	64
February(c)	..	43	269	12	9	4	4	7	30	66
March	..	157	289	26	27	5	17	11	16	102
April	185	268	24	27	9	8	6	26	100
May	197	256	28	28	9	6	13	36	120
June	162	235	19	33	8	9	8	22	99
1956-57—										
July	r79	r276	14	20	9	8	11	25	87
August	..	125	329	r28	28	8	6	r6	28	104
September	..	101	214	19	34	8	10	5	42	118
October	..	107	220	r26	r38	8	7	r13	r36	r129
November	..	110	243	22	39	8	8	7	28	112
December	..	r99	204	17	24	5	8	4	24	82
January	..	82	249	13	29	5	3	9	r31	91
February	..	r83	156	17	r29	10	8	6	37	r106
March	..	r145	221	27	40	r7	8	9	33	124
April	173	238	19	36	8	7	5	39	114
May	r172	219	20	39	6	12	7	37	121
June	103	183	17	r32	5	10	6	32	r102
1957-58 p—										
July	124	264	18	31	4	8	6	37	104
August	..	111	238	21	23	7	8	4	26	89

(a) Additional to figures for Tons Weight on page 45. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Affected by industrial dispute.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G's Department at end of period.(a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences in force at end of period.	Television Viewers' Licences in force at end of period.(b)	Telephone Services connected at end of period.	
				Lines.	Instruments.
	£'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Monthly Average.					
1947-48 .. .	2,616	1,833	..	688	963
1948-49 .. .	2,776	1,919	..	734	1,028
1949-50 .. .	3,196	2,030	..	793	1,110
1950-51 .. .	3,732	(c)2,110	..	864	1,209
1951-52 .. .	4,948	1,961	..	927	1,301
1952-53 .. .	5,367	1,986	..	985	1,384
1953-54 .. .	5,650	2,042	..	1,050	1,476
1954-55 .. .	6,069	2,035	..	1,127	1,587
1955-56 .. .	6,612	2,089	..	1,207	1,704
1956-57 .. .	7,519	2,107	74	1,279	1,814
Monthly Total.					
1955-56—					
September .. .	6,493	2,051	..	1,151	1,622
October .. .	6,766	2,051	..	1,159	1,634
November .. .	6,437	2,050	..	1,166	1,643
December .. .	7,141	2,055	..	1,173	1,653
January .. .	6,097	2,065	..	1,179	1,662
February .. .	6,285	2,069	..	1,185	1,671
March .. .	6,802	2,068	..	1,190	1,679
April .. .	6,117	2,075	..	1,195	1,685
May .. .	7,352	2,081	..	1,201	1,695
June .. .	7,422	2,089	..	1,207	1,704
1956-57—					
July .. .	6,743	2,095	..	1,213	1,714
August .. .	6,716	2,101	..	1,220	1,724
September .. .	6,455	2,099	..	1,226	1,734
October .. .	8,110	2,108	..	1,233	1,743
November .. .	7,225	2,101	..	1,239	1,753
December .. .	7,611	2,092	..	1,245	1,762
January .. .	7,073	2,101	22	1,250	1,771
February .. .	7,312	2,102	28	1,255	1,777
March .. .	8,020	2,111	34	1,260	1,786
April .. .	7,539	2,108	42	1,266	1,795
May .. .	8,457	2,111	57	1,272	1,804
June .. .	8,962	2,107	74	1,279	1,814
1957-58—					
July .. .	7,423	2,113	90	1,284	1,823
August .. .	7,532	2,117	106	1,290	1,833
September .. .	7,503	2,123	120	1,296	1,843

(a) Actual collections. (b) Licences, taken out in advance, did not come into force until 1st January, 1957.
the period July, 1942, to December, 1951, supplementary licences for receivers in excess of one are included.

(c) During

For meaning of symbol ———, see page 1.

**COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING
BUSINESS.**

(Including Note Issue Department.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

(£A million.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and other Securities (including Treasury Bills).	
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.						
Average of Weekly Figures—									
1950-51..	..	32.7	219.1	251.8	503.2	34.7	238.2	596.3	366.6
1951-52..	..	38.1	255.5	293.6	468.8	31.1	270.9	470.6	503.1
1952-53..	..	36.9	281.3	318.2	212.9	45.4	287.4	363.6	434.8
1953-54..	..	38.5	299.7	338.2	(a) 306.8	41.7	283.4	512.6	408.0
1954-55..	..	40.9	316.1	357.0	306.3	36.8	243.5	415.9	459.8
1955-56..	..	43.0	331.1	374.1	272.8	35.6	208.7	298.9	515.7
1956-57..	..	44.9	338.3	383.2	289.4	31.4	205.9	349.7	508.8
1955-56—									
September	..	40.2	328.1	368.3	265.4	36.1	205.9	321.6	502.0
October	..	40.7	329.6	370.3	265.4	34.4	210.5	303.3	525.4
November	..	41.4	331.4	372.8	265.4	34.8	208.7	301.0	535.3
December(b)	..	48.3	343.5	391.8	265.4	36.5	205.2	297.6	552.8
January	..	47.4	333.5	380.9	265.4	40.6	207.3	298.1	534.0
February	..	42.8	330.6	373.4	281.9	33.5	211.4	293.2	511.0
March	..	41.5	335.9	377.4	300.4	36.0	211.0	274.0	540.6
April	45.9	336.2	382.1	292.9	27.8	200.8	258.4	530.5
May	45.1	329.7	374.8	272.4	34.4	204.3	263.4	509.6
June	43.9	330.4	374.3	260.4	37.2	204.1	270.2	503.9
1956-57—									
July	43.1	330.7	373.8	255.4	33.5	202.2	282.4	497.2
August	42.8	333.8	376.6	255.4	38.4	201.7	292.0	513.8
September	42.7	337.1	379.8	255.4	40.7	203.9	286.7	538.2
October	43.7	337.4	381.1	258.4	31.8	206.2	285.9	546.5
November	43.5	340.6	384.1	270.3	34.2	207.6	302.0	559.2
December(b)	50.9	348.9	399.8	270.3	27.6	205.4	317.9	555.5
January	51.0	341.4	392.4	272.1	34.9	203.3	339.5	525.8
February	43.5	336.1	379.6	297.6	35.5	206.2	364.7	498.4
March	43.3	337.5	380.8	320.7	30.1	204.8	386.8	488.2
April	44.1	344.6	388.7	340.3	19.8	208.3	428.0	470.6
May	46.3	337.8	384.1	340.3	20.6	212.3	450.7	461.5
June	43.9	337.7	381.6	340.3	28.0	208.9	459.1	459.8
1957-58—									
July	43.3	338.7	382.0	340.3	27.9	208.9	471.1	450.0
August	43.0	342.4	385.4	340.3	30.4	209.4	473.1	468.5
September	42.9	343.8	386.7	340.3	29.4	206.8	472.5	480.9

(a) From 3rd December, 1953, includes Special Account of Commonwealth Trading Bank. Previously the Special Deposit Account of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank was included in "Other Liabilities". (b) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

**COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA(a),
and
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA**
(RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENTS.)
(£ million.)

Period.	Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a)							Commonwealth Bank—Advances.				
	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Special Account with Common- wealth Bank. (b)	Ad- vances.	Rural Credits Depart- ment.	Mortgage Bank Depart- ment.	Industrial Finance Department.	
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	Treasury Bills	Other.					Hire Purchase.	Other.	
Average of Weekly Figures—												
1950-51 ..	19.4	89.2	108.6	7.2	24.0	26.9	..	62.5	13.7	3.8	14.7	7.6
1951-52 ..	20.1	90.6	110.7	6.6	26.4	13.3	..	76.4	19.7	4.1	15.5	8.7
1952-53 ..	22.8	96.7	119.5	8.8	b 17.2	c 25.8	21.7	c 59.5	44.9	4.3	14.8	8.1
1953-54 ..	35.3	120.9	156.2	11.0	23.4	29.9	34.8	69.2	43.2	4.5	16.6	4.7
1954-55 ..	43.6	130.9	174.5	10.5	12.3	38.2	36.1	89.1	62.3	4.8	17.0	6.7
1955-56 ..	46.3	135.6	181.9	10.2	6.3	38.6	33.2	103.9	73.8	5.1	16.6	9.0
1956-57 ..	44.4	140.1	184.5	10.0	4.1	35.7	34.6	106.5	56.6	5.1	16.5	9.4
1955-56—												
September ..	48.9	131.9	180.8	10.4	4.1	40.0	32.7	106.0	50.4	5.1	16.9	8.8
October ..	48.6	136.5	185.1	10.8	8.5	40.0	32.7	105.0	52.0	5.1	17.0	8.9
November ..	48.4	139.6	188.0	10.1	10.5	40.0	32.7	105.0	46.7	5.1	17.2	9.1
December(d) ..	47.0	140.4	187.4	10.9	8.0	40.0	32.7	104.8	50.4	5.1	17.3	9.4
January ..	47.5	132.5	180.0	10.6	2.8	40.1	32.7	105.9	66.2	5.1	17.0	9.1
February ..	46.7	132.9	179.6	9.8	4.2	40.1	33.6	104.8	98.8	5.0	16.5	9.1
March ..	45.5	135.9	181.4	10.1	6.0	36.8	35.7	102.7	113.5	5.1	16.0	9.1
April ..	40.9	141.9	182.8	10.7	7.6	35.7	34.8	101.3	109.5	5.1	15.8	9.2
May ..	42.0	138.2	180.2	9.8	8.2	35.7	32.9	101.0	98.1	5.1	15.8	9.3
June ..	42.7	136.4	179.1	10.2	5.0	35.7	31.9	101.9	86.6	5.0	15.7	9.4
1956-57—												
July ..	42.7	132.7	175.4	8.9	2.0	35.7	31.2	105.3	76.9	5.1	15.7	9.2
August ..	43.3	135.8	179.1	9.3	4.0	36.3	31.2	106.0	64.8	5.1	15.8	9.3
September ..	43.1	135.8	178.9	9.6	4.0	37.2	31.2	106.2	56.6	5.1	16.3	9.3
October ..	43.1	138.8	181.9	9.9	2.8	36.5	31.7	108.2	51.4	5.1	16.7	9.4
November ..	43.7	142.9	186.6	10.3	4.3	35.9	33.7	107.9	44.8	5.1	17.2	9.5
December(d) ..	45.0	144.1	189.1	8.9	4.8	35.9	33.7	107.4	38.2	5.1	17.3	9.6
January ..	44.4	137.8	182.2	10.9	3.7	32.1	33.7	110.8	44.1	5.1	17.1	9.2
February ..	45.0	139.7	184.7	9.8	5.4	33.5	34.9	108.4	64.1	5.1	16.8	9.2
March ..	44.6	142.7	187.3	10.5	4.0	36.1	37.3	105.2	72.9	5.2	16.5	9.4
April ..	45.2	144.7	189.9	10.7	3.5	36.9	39.2	103.7	66.8	5.2	16.5	9.4
May ..	45.8	142.7	188.5	9.7	3.9	36.2	39.2	105.2	54.8	5.3	16.1	9.5
June ..	47.7	146.2	193.9	11.1	7.0	36.6	39.2	102.5	42.5	5.2	15.9	9.6
1957-58—												
July ..	49.5	143.3	192.8	10.7	6.0	39.0	39.2	107.3	41.2	5.3	15.8	9.6
August ..	50.6	144.1	194.7	10.6	5.6	43.0	39.2	105.5	30.5	5.4	15.8	9.7
September ..	50.4	145.4	195.8	11.4	3.7	47.0	39.2	104.6	22.2	5.4	15.9	9.9

(a) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (b) At the beginning of July, 1952, the General Banking Division opened, in the books of the Central Bank, a special deposit account with a balance approximating the amount that would be required if it were subject to Special Account provisions of the Banking Act 1945. This represents a change in the form of liquid assets which were previously held, predominantly, in Treasury Bills. (c) Between March and July, 1952, certain loans to building societies and *crédit foncier* loans for housing were transferred from the General Banking Division to the Commonwealth Savings Bank in exchange for Government Securities. The reduction in these loans (held by the General Banking Division) over this period was approximately £24,000,000. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for the fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols . . . — , see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Special Accounts with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		Treasury Bills.	Other.		
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1936-37..	184.7	112.9	297.6	34.2	24.5	(b) 15.0	..	262.5
1937-38..	194.8	120.0	314.8	37.1	20.7	(b) 21.4	..	274.4
1938-39..	198.8	118.9	317.7	33.6	21.5	(b) 20.5	..	288.1
1950-51..	247.7	(c) 896.5	1,144.2	59.3	36.9	89.2	500.3	(c) 479.3
1951-52..	238.2	963.5	1,201.7	60.6	32.4	67.0	466.0	621.4
1952-53..	218.7	943.7	1,162.4	74.7	123.1	84.0	211.7	638.1
1953-54..	239.8	1,035.7	1,275.5	71.2	99.4	127.6	285.2	658.5
1954-55(d)	263.0	1,047.7	1,310.7	66.9	51.6	120.2	269.1	776.8
1955-56..	263.1	1,032.3	1,295.4	66.9	50.0	113.1	238.8	804.4
1956-57..	299.5	1,028.5	1,328.0	63.7	51.2	151.3	254.1	762.6
1955-56—								
September ..	260.9	996.8	1,257.7	65.4	23.6	105.2	231.9	823.1
October ..	264.0	1,013.1	1,277.1	64.1	27.5	105.9	231.9	831.4
November ..	261.8	1,034.0	1,295.8	65.1	31.9	109.4	231.9	823.3
December(e) ..	259.3	1,062.2	1,321.5	71.4	45.0	109.4	231.9	814.5
January ..	261.3	1,070.5	1,331.8	76.4	92.8	112.4	231.9	784.2
February ..	259.7	1,072.2	1,331.9	66.9	111.6	116.4	247.4	773.7
March ..	259.4	1,075.0	1,334.4	65.7	91.6	118.3	263.9	776.2
April ..	262.8	1,058.7	1,321.5	60.5	62.1	118.3	257.3	786.8
May ..	265.9	1,011.9	1,277.8	66.8	41.5	118.3	238.7	798.4
June ..	269.2	991.2	1,260.4	65.7	28.9	120.2	227.7	793.9
1956-57—								
July ..	275.5	967.9	1,243.4	64.9	29.6	114.8	223.4	797.7
August ..	278.6	955.8	1,234.4	68.5	28.9	115.6	223.4	787.0
September ..	284.1	964.4	1,248.5	71.4	37.4	119.2	223.4	778.5
October ..	287.6	993.9	1,281.5	64.3	51.9	123.9	225.9	780.2
November ..	293.4	1,018.0	1,311.4	64.6	54.1	135.6	235.9	771.2
December (e) ..	299.2	1,041.4	1,340.6	65.9	62.5	150.3	235.9	762.2
January ..	305.6	1,056.9	1,362.5	73.1	83.3	166.7	237.7	744.9
February ..	310.1	1,080.8	1,390.9	66.2	88.6	182.1	261.8	732.5
March ..	312.9	1,103.4	1,416.3	60.2	92.4	188.4	282.7	725.5
April ..	311.9	1,083.1	1,395.0	51.7	47.7	184.0	300.4	743.5
May ..	316.3	1,052.4	1,368.7	55.8	27.7	173.5	300.4	757.3
June ..	321.2	1,040.9	1,362.1	56.1	15.9	167.6	300.4	766.2
1957-58—								
July ..	328.9	1,020.7	1,349.6	59.1	18.8	158.9	300.4	770.5
August ..	330.6	1,001.3	1,331.9	60.3	17.0	158.3	300.4	762.0
September ..	334.2	1,008.0	1,342.2	57.9	21.1	159.8	300.4	756.1

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. Now includes Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., The National Bank of Australasia Ltd., The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in vol. liq.) and from March, 1955, The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Includes Municipal Securities. (c) Figures are not strictly comparable with earlier periods owing to changes in classification of some minor assets and liabilities. (d) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols . . . — — — see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS(a)—continued.

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	+ Cash Treasury Bills.	+ Cash Treasury Bills + Other Common- wealth and State Government Securities.	Special Accounts with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.	
Average of Weekly Figures—						
1936-37	11.5	19.7	(b) 24.8	..	88.2	37.9
1937-38	11.8	18.4	(b) 25.2	..	87.1	38.1
1938-39	10.6	17.4	(b) 23.8	..	90.7	37.4
1950-51	5.2	8.4	16.2	43.7	(c) 41.9	78.3
1951-52	5.0	7.7	13.3	38.8	51.7	80.2
1952-53	6.4	17.0	24.3	18.2	54.9	81.2
1953-54	5.6	13.4	23.4	22.4	51.6	81.2
1954-55(d)	5.1	9.0	18.2	20.5	59.3	79.9
1955-56	5.2	9.0	17.7	18.4	62.1	79.7
1956-57	4.8	8.6	20.0	19.1	57.4	77.5
1955-56—						
September	5.2	7.1	15.5	18.4	65.5	79.3
October	5.0	7.2	15.5	18.2	65.1	79.3
November	5.0	7.5	15.9	17.9	63.5	79.8
December(e)	5.4	8.8	17.1	17.5	61.6	80.4
January	5.7	12.7	21.1	17.4	58.9	80.4
February	5.0	13.4	22.1	18.6	58.1	80.5
March	4.9	11.8	20.7	19.8	58.2	80.6
April	4.6	9.3	18.2	19.5	59.5	80.1
May	5.2	8.5	17.8	18.7	62.5	79.2
June	5.2	7.5	17.0	18.1	63.0	78.6
1956-57—						
July	5.2	7.6	16.8	18.0	64.2	77.8
August	5.5	7.9	17.3	18.1	63.7	77.4
September	5.7	8.7	18.2	17.9	62.4	77.2
October	5.0	9.1	18.8	17.6	60.9	77.5
November	4.9	9.0	19.3	18.0	58.8	77.6
December(e)	4.9	9.6	20.8	17.6	56.9	77.7
January	5.4	11.5	23.7	17.4	54.7	77.6
February	4.8	11.1	24.2	18.8	52.7	77.7
March	4.3	10.8	24.1	20.0	51.2	77.9
April	3.7	7.1	20.3	21.5	53.3	77.6
May	4.1	6.1	18.8	21.9	55.3	76.9
June	4.1	5.3	17.6	22.1	56.3	76.4
1957-58—						
July	4.4	5.8	17.6	22.3	57.1	75.6
August	4.5	5.8	17.7	22.5	57.2	75.2
September	4.3	5.9	17.8	22.4	56.3	75.1

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page. (b) Includes Municipal securities. (c) Figures are not strictly comparable with earlier periods owing to changes in classification of some minor assets and liabilities. (d) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955.

(e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols .., —, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH(a) AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(b)
(Major Trading Banks.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.
 (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		Treasury Bills.	Other.		
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1950-51..	267.1	985.7	1,252.8	66.5	60.9	116.1	500.3	541.8
1951-52..	258.3	1,054.1	1,312.4	67.2	58.8	80.3	466.0	697.8
1952-53..	241.5	1,040.4	1,281.9	83.5	140.3	109.9	233.5	697.6
1953-54..	275.1	1,156.6	1,431.7	82.2	122.8	157.5	320.0	727.7
1954-55 (c)	306.5	1,178.6	1,485.1	77.4	63.9	158.4	305.2	865.9
1955-56..	309.4	1,167.9	1,477.3	77.1	56.3	151.7	272.0	908.3
1956-57..	343.9	1,168.7	1,512.6	73.6	55.2	187.0	288.7	869.1
1955-56—								
September ..	309.8	1,128.7	1,438.5	75.7	27.7	145.3	264.6	929.2
October ..	312.6	1,149.6	1,462.2	74.8	36.0	145.9	264.6	936.4
November ..	310.2	1,173.6	1,483.8	75.2	42.4	149.4	264.6	928.2
December (d) ..	306.3	1,202.6	1,508.9	82.3	53.0	149.5	264.6	919.3
January ..	308.8	1,202.9	1,511.7	87.0	95.6	152.5	264.6	890.1
February ..	306.5	1,205.1	1,511.6	76.7	115.8	156.5	281.1	878.5
March ..	304.9	1,210.9	1,515.8	75.8	97.6	155.1	299.6	878.8
April ..	303.6	1,200.7	1,504.3	71.2	69.7	154.0	292.1	888.0
May ..	307.9	1,150.1	1,458.0	76.6	49.7	154.0	271.6	899.4
June ..	311.9	1,127.6	1,439.5	75.9	33.9	155.9	259.6	895.8
1956-57—								
July ..	318.2	1,100.6	1,418.8	73.9	31.6	150.5	254.6	903.1
August ..	321.9	1,091.6	1,413.5	77.8	32.9	151.9	254.6	893.0
September ..	327.2	1,100.2	1,427.4	81.0	41.4	156.4	254.6	884.8
October ..	330.7	1,132.7	1,463.4	74.1	54.7	160.4	257.6	888.4
November ..	337.1	1,160.9	1,498.0	74.9	58.4	171.5	269.6	879.1
December (d) ..	344.2	1,185.5	1,529.7	74.8	67.3	186.2	269.6	869.7
January ..	350.0	1,194.7	1,544.7	84.0	87.0	198.8	271.3	855.8
February ..	355.1	1,220.5	1,575.6	76.0	94.0	215.7	296.8	840.9
March ..	357.6	1,246.1	1,603.7	70.7	96.4	224.5	319.9	830.7
April ..	357.1	1,227.8	1,584.9	62.4	51.2	221.0	339.6	847.1
May ..	362.0	1,195.2	1,557.2	65.5	31.6	209.6	339.6	862.5
June ..	368.8	1,187.2	1,556.0	67.2	22.9	204.2	339.6	868.8
1957-58—								
July ..	378.4	1,164.0	1,542.4	69.8	24.8	197.9	339.6	877.8
August ..	381.2	1,145.4	1,526.6	70.9	22.6	201.3	339.6	867.5
September ..	384.6	1,153.5	1,538.1	69.3	24.8	206.8	339.6	860.7

(a) General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (b) See footnote (a), page 50.
 (c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

COMMONWEALTH(a) AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(b)

(Major Trading Banks.)

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	+ Cash Treasury Bills.	Cash + Treasury Bills + Other Commonwealth and State Government Securities.	Special Account with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances.	
Average of Weekly Figures—						
1950-51	5.3	10.2	19.4	39.9	43.3
1951-52	5.1	9.6	15.7	35.5	53.2
1952-53	6.4	17.4	26.0	18.2	54.4
1953-54	5.7	14.3	25.3	22.3	50.8
1954-55 (c)	5.2	9.5	20.2	20.5	58.3
1955-56	5.2	9.0	19.3	18.4	61.5
1956-57	4.9	8.5	20.9	19.1	57.5
1955-56—						
September	5.3	7.2	17.3	18.4	64.6
October	5.1	7.6	17.6	18.1	64.0
November	5.1	7.9	18.0	17.8	62.6
December (d)	5.5	9.0	18.9	17.5	60.9
January	5.8	12.1	22.2	17.5	58.9
February	5.1	12.7	23.1	18.6	58.1
March	5.0	11.4	21.7	19.8	58.0
April	4.7	9.4	19.6	19.4	59.0
May	5.3	8.7	19.2	18.6	61.7
June..	5.3	7.6	18.5	18.0	62.2
1956-57—						
July	5.2	7.4	18.0	17.9	63.7
August	5.5	7.8	18.6	18.0	63.2
September	5.7	8.6	19.5	17.8	62.0
October	5.1	8.8	19.8	17.6	60.7
November	5.0	8.9	20.3	18.0	58.7
December (d)	4.9	9.3	21.5	17.6	56.9
January	5.4	11.1	23.9	17.6	55.4
February	4.8	10.8	24.5	18.8	53.4
March	4.4	10.4	24.4	20.0	51.8
April	3.9	7.2	21.1	21.4	53.5
May	4.2	6.2	19.7	21.8	55.4
June..	4.3	5.8	18.9	21.8	55.8
1957-58—						
July	4.5	6.1	19.0	22.0	56.9
August	4.6	6.1	19.3	22.2	56.8
September	4.5	6.1	19.6	22.1	56.0

(a) See footnote (a), page 52.
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(b) See footnote (a), page 50.

(c) See footnote (c), page 52.

(d) See footnote (d),

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		Treasury Bills.	Other.		
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1950-51.. ..	279.6	1,017.6	1,297.2	71.4	64.0	127.5	503.6	598.4
1951-52.. ..	271.7	1,091.5	1,363.2	72.3	61.7	94.4	468.6	759.7
1952-53.. ..	256.8	1,076.3	1,333.1	(b) 88.2	(b) 144.2	(c) 123.0	234.6	(c) 762.3
1953-54.. ..	290.4	1,196.0	1,486.4	87.3	130.1	170.8	321.1	793.7
1954-55.. ..	322.6	1,220.0	1,542.6	82.0	69.5	171.7	306.3	938.1
1955-56.. ..	325.7	1,207.7	1,533.4	81.1	60.5	165.5	272.8	984.1
1956-57.. ..	360.9	1,209.9	1,570.8	77.5	59.1	202.1	289.4	946.8
1955-56—								
September ..	326.5	1,164.7	1,491.2	79.3	30.6	158.6	265.4	1,004.4
October ..	329.1	1,185.9	1,515.0	78.7	39.4	159.3	265.4	1,012.3
November ..	326.6	1,210.4	1,537.0	78.8	45.6	162.7	265.4	1,004.5
December (d) ..	322.6	1,240.8	1,563.4	86.5	56.4	163.3	265.4	995.2
January ..	325.1	1,243.8	1,568.9	91.5	98.9	166.8	265.4	966.3
February ..	322.9	1,248.9	1,571.8	81.2	120.8	170.8	281.9	954.4
March ..	321.0	1,254.7	1,575.7	79.9	104.4	169.4	300.4	954.6
April ..	319.7	1,244.2	1,563.9	75.0	76.1	168.3	292.9	964.7
May ..	324.1	1,192.0	1,516.1	80.6	54.5	168.3	272.4	976.2
June ..	328.4	1,167.7	1,496.1	79.6	37.4	170.3	260.4	972.4
1956-57—								
July ..	334.8	1,139.1	1,473.9	77.2	34.3	164.8	255.4	979.7
August ..	338.4	1,129.4	1,467.8	81.0	34.7	166.2	255.4	968.9
September ..	343.4	1,138.3	1,481.7	84.9	43.4	170.6	255.4	959.9
October ..	346.7	1,170.9	1,517.6	77.8	57.0	174.7	258.4	964.9
November ..	353.6	1,200.8	1,554.4	79.0	61.3	186.4	270.3	956.1
December (d) ..	361.2	1,226.2	1,587.4	78.9	70.4	201.4	270.3	947.3
January ..	367.2	1,237.7	1,604.9	88.1	90.9	214.3	272.1	933.8
February ..	372.5	1,265.7	1,638.2	80.3	99.9	231.9	297.6	919.0
March ..	374.9	1,291.8	1,666.7	74.6	102.9	240.8	320.7	909.6
April ..	374.5	1,272.5	1,647.0	66.2	57.4	236.7	340.3	926.7
May ..	379.4	1,238.3	1,617.7	69.4	37.3	224.8	340.3	942.0
June ..	386.8	1,228.7	1,615.5	71.3	27.1	219.2	340.3	948.4
1957-58—								
July ..	397.6	1,205.2	1,602.8	74.3	29.6	212.6	340.3	956.5
August ..	400.3	1,185.6	1,585.9	74.5	26.9	215.6	340.3	945.1
September ..	403.9	1,192.7	1,596.6	73.0	29.2	220.8	340.3	939.2

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (Commonwealth Trading Bank from 3rd December, 1953), the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c), page 49. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbol ————— see page 1.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1950-51..	145.1	134.9	39.0	26.8	19.3	7.4	0.4	372.9
1951-52..	156.6	142.3	41.5	30.8	21.8	8.9	0.5	402.4
1952-53..	151.9	132.0	43.8	30.1	22.1	8.8	0.6	389.3
1953-54..	171.7	154.9	51.0	32.8	25.4	9.9	0.8	446.5
1954-55(b)	187.5	176.2	53.9	36.3	26.2	10.7	0.8	491.6
1955-56..	200.9	185.4	56.0	39.6	26.9	11.6	1.0	521.4
1956-57..	219.4	195.5	62.7	42.7	28.6	12.6	1.2	562.7
1955-56—								
September ..	193.7	169.3	56.7	36.3	25.5	10.8	1.0	493.3
October ..	202.9	183.8	57.0	37.6	25.9	11.0	1.0	519.2
November ..	216.1	196.1	57.7	41.6	27.7	11.2	1.0	551.4
December ..	214.1	205.2	59.6	42.6	28.8	11.8	1.0	563.1
January ..	183.9	172.2	52.9	39.3	30.0	10.4	1.1	489.8
February ..	187.1	184.0	50.9	39.8	27.8	10.9	1.0	501.5
March ..	199.7	191.1	54.5	41.4	26.8	12.2	1.2	526.9
April ..	201.2	190.2	52.0	38.4	27.0	12.6	1.0	522.4
May ..	218.0	199.2	58.3	43.1	28.2	13.5	1.1	561.4
June ..	203.8	181.0	60.9	40.4	25.4	12.7	1.1	525.3
1956-57—								
July ..	214.6	185.0	61.9	40.5	26.4	12.3	1.0	541.7
August ..	189.0	165.1	55.5	35.5	24.9	11.1	1.0	482.1
September ..	201.0	183.5	59.3	39.9	29.3	12.0	1.1	526.1
October ..	221.8	192.3	63.3	42.0	29.2	12.4	1.2	562.2
November ..	226.1	194.2	65.5	42.8	29.2	12.4	1.0	571.2
December ..	231.7	202.8	65.2	45.5	28.9	14.3	1.2	589.6
January ..	202.3	188.0	60.4	38.2	30.0	10.7	1.4	531.0
February ..	224.7	206.2	66.2	48.7	30.7	13.0	1.2	590.7
March ..	233.5	207.1	63.6	46.5	30.5	14.4	1.5	597.1
April ..	232.2	210.4	63.8	46.0	27.4	12.8	1.3	593.9
May ..	229.8	214.6	64.2	44.9	29.0	13.3	1.4	597.2
June ..	234.5	201.7	65.9	44.3	27.6	13.4	1.4	588.8
1957-58—								
July ..	235.9	204.5	70.9	46.5	28.5	12.8	1.6	600.7
August ..	205.8	184.0	60.2	38.7	26.3	11.2	1.3	527.5
September ..	227.4	196.6	67.3	43.1	29.6	11.8	1.2	577.0

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 54, the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded for March, 1955 and subsequent months.

SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS.

(£ million.)

At end of—	Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks.								
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
1936-37 ..	82.0	75.7	27.3	26.5	11.8	7.2	0.1	0.3	230.9
1937-38 ..	86.0	78.9	28.2	27.2	12.0	7.7	0.1	0.3	240.4
1938-39 ..	87.5	80.5	29.0	27.4	12.4	8.4	0.1	0.3	245.6
1950-51 ..	284.5	281.8	98.8	97.8	44.7	27.1	1.0	1.7	837.4
1951-52 ..	304.5	300.8	102.7	103.7	47.2	30.1	1.1	1.8	891.9
1952-53 ..	319.1	320.0	109.4	113.9	49.8	32.1	1.1	2.1	947.5
1953-54 ..	339.8	339.8	117.4	122.9	52.6	34.0	1.3	2.3	1,010.1
1954-55 ..	358.6	364.8	124.8	131.7	53.6	35.8	1.5	2.6	1,073.4
1955-56 ..	386.6	386.2	132.7	135.7	57.9	37.2	1.7	3.0	1,141.0
1956-57 ..	422.2	411.6	144.6	142.4	62.7	38.7	1.9	3.3	1,227.4
1955-56—									
September	359.5	368.9	126.5	132.9	54.6	36.7	1.6	2.7	1,083.4
October	362.3	370.1	127.6	133.6	54.9	36.8	1.5	2.7	1,089.5
November	361.8	371.1	127.7	132.9	54.7	36.5	1.5	2.7	1,088.9
December	364.1	371.4	128.1	132.8	54.4	36.4	1.5	2.7	1,091.4
January	367.3	371.5	127.9	132.7	54.7	36.3	1.5	2.8	1,094.7
February	371.2	373.5	128.2	132.9	55.0	36.6	1.5	2.8	1,101.7
March	374.3	375.3	129.1	133.1	55.4	36.5	1.6	2.8	1,108.1
April ..	375.5	375.8	128.9	132.9	55.8	36.7	1.6	2.9	1,110.1
May ..	376.6	376.9	128.8	132.3	56.1	36.6	1.6	3.0	1,111.9
June ..	386.6	386.2	132.7	135.7	57.9	37.2	1.7	3.0	a 1,141.0
1956-57—									
July ..	390.2	388.3	134.1	136.7	58.6	37.6	1.7	3.0	1,150.2
August	394.6	392.7	135.9	137.2	59.6	38.3	1.8	3.0	1,163.1
September	399.5	396.3	137.9	137.7	60.5	38.5	1.8	3.1	1,175.3
October	403.1	398.9	139.4	138.2	61.0	38.5	1.8	3.1	1,184.0
November	405.4	401.6	140.5	138.6	61.4	38.4	1.8	3.2	1,190.9
December	406.0	400.4	140.8	137.6	61.1	38.2	1.7	3.1	1,188.9
January	408.0	400.4	140.1	137.6	61.0	38.3	1.8	3.1	1,190.3
February	411.9	402.7	140.6	138.8	61.2	38.6	1.8	3.1	1,198.7
March	412.3	402.2	140.4	138.5	61.1	38.5	1.8	3.2	1,198.0
April ..	411.2	400.6	140.4	138.3	61.0	38.4	1.8	3.2	1,194.9
May ..	413.1	402.8	141.3	138.7	61.3	38.5	1.8	3.3	1,200.8
June ..	422.2	411.6	144.6	142.4	62.7	38.7	1.9	3.3	a 1,227.4
1957-58—									
July ..	424.9	412.9	146.5	143.2	63.0	39.2	2.0	3.4	1,235.1
August	429.1	416.9	148.7	143.9	63.8	39.9	2.0	3.4	1,247.7
September	430.9	418.0	150.1	144.2	64.1	39.8	2.1	3.5	1,252.7

(a) Interest added 1955-56, £23.3m.; 1956-57, £29.1m. The major part of this interest was added in June each year.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

Period.	New Policies Issued.(b)				Premiums.(c)		Claims, etc., Paid.(d)		New Loans Granted. (e)
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Ordinary Depart- ment.	Industrial Depart- ment.	Ordinary Depart- ment.	Industrial Depart- ment.	
	Number.	Sum Assured.	Number.	Sum Assured.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
Monthly Average—									
1937	12,296	4,120	36,148	1,684	1,045	474	747	223	n.a.
1938	11,470	3,867	32,757	1,530	1,075	617	781	246	n.a.
1939	11,293	3,886	32,125	1,545	1,144	541	835	303	n.a.
1950-51.. ..	21,642	15,206	22,713	2,423	3,210	1,043	1,310	491	3,893
1951-52.. ..	23,607	18,464	23,216	2,817	3,651	1,102	1,441	546	3,963
1952-53.. ..	23,643	18,828	22,853	2,946	4,186	1,147	1,576	619	3,011
1953-54.. ..	23,709	21,177	19,964	2,714	4,679	1,172	1,763	670	2,872
1954-55.. ..	23,505	24,365	18,415	2,734	5,175	1,218	1,983	738	4,319
1955-56.. ..	24,796	27,893	17,551	2,721	5,785	1,228	2,263	793	4,744
1956-57.. ..	24,328	32,683	17,526	2,761	6,454	1,248	2,470	841	4,992
Monthly Total—									
1955-56—									
August ..	28,314	30,682	21,003	3,316	5,702	1,182	2,322	864	5,217
September ..	35,366	36,605	22,065	3,476	6,072	1,272	2,415	814	5,191
October ..	20,584	22,642	19,056	2,887	5,192	1,262	2,020	821	4,447
November ..	25,697	26,896	18,249	2,846	5,352	1,284	2,177	784	6,011
December ..	27,944	45,467	17,075	2,864	6,340	1,558	2,584	706	5,473
January ..	13,527	14,085	3,568	507	4,786	641	1,619	595	3,518
February ..	20,759	20,434	16,586	2,495	4,990	1,229	2,250	769	4,376
March ..	24,048	24,706	19,946	3,059	5,440	1,296	2,196	840	5,044
April ..	22,109	22,613	18,158	2,736	5,886	1,225	2,072	737	3,935
May ..	24,309	30,292	18,499	2,870	6,686	1,280	2,484	884	4,292
June ..	25,121	28,997	19,019	2,952	7,168	1,324	2,596	855	5,338
1956-57—									
July ..	24,612	31,567	20,260	3,211	6,846	1,203	2,674	912	5,796
August ..	26,391	31,273	20,595	3,233	6,257	1,284	2,627	953	4,724
September ..	32,415	38,409	24,957	3,897	6,371	1,242	2,432	840	4,746
October ..	22,802	30,266	16,139	2,484	6,223	1,265	2,651	907	4,517
November ..	25,701	32,053	18,673	2,974	6,006	1,429	2,381	852	5,931
December ..	27,565	54,543	14,746	2,557	6,209	1,480	2,343	669	5,643
January ..	13,445	17,087	5,383	801	5,734	756	2,118	644	3,400
February ..	19,066	26,103	16,373	2,523	5,780	1,235	2,328	775	3,609
March ..	25,291	31,747	18,375	2,866	6,282	1,245	2,606	858	5,698
April ..	21,986	27,805	18,850	2,936	6,450	1,254	2,389	832	5,085
May ..	25,644	34,790	17,023	2,653	7,323	1,274	2,665	963	5,525
June ..	27,024	36,554	18,934	3,003	7,971	1,306	2,427	887	5,231
1957-58—									
July ..	28,518	46,239	19,963	3,239	7,997	1,305	2,954	1,089	5,030
August ..	28,179	37,205	21,061	3,345	6,922	1,271	2,931	1,113	4,504

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.
 (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

For meaning of symbols n.a. —, see page 1.

EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

Period.	Exchange Rates.(a)			Gold Prices.(a)		Commonwealth Government Securities taxed at Current Commonwealth Rates.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales.
	Australia on London.(b)	London on New York. (b)	Australia on New York. (c)	Australia.	London.	Short Dated 2 years.(d)	Long Dated 12 years.(d)	
1936-37 ..	£A. per £100 Stg.	\$ per £Stg.	\$ per £A.	£A. per fine oz.	£Stg. per fine oz.	(f) 3.57	(g) 3.94	(e) (h)5.3
1937-38 ..	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.781	7.041	(f) 3.30	(g) 3.71	(h)5.3
1938-39 ..	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340	(f) 3.67	(g) 3.84	(i) 5.4 (j)
1950-51 ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400	1.99	3.21	4.4
1951-52 ..	125.25	2.796	2.224	15.492	12.400	2.05	3.95	4.4
1952-53 ..	125.25	2.804	2.231	15.492	12.400	3.03	4.54	4.7
1953-54 ..	125.25	2.813	2.238	15.514	12.411	3.10	4.44	4.9
1954-55 ..	125.25	2.797	2.226	15.625	12.536	3.49	4.50	5.2
1955-56 ..	125.25	2.795	2.228	15.625	12.496	4.39	4.76	5.8
1956-57 ..	125.25	2.789	2.220	15.625	12.532	4.71	5.06	6.5
1955-56—								(i) (j)
September ..	125.25	2.786	2.217	15.625	12.556	4.23	4.51	5.5
October ..	125.25	2.739	2.222	15.625	12.528	3.96	4.53	5.6
November ..	125.25	2.802	2.230	15.625	12.477	4.07	4.52	5.6
December ..	125.25	2.803	2.230	15.625	12.478	4.19	4.53	5.7
January ..	125.25	2.807	2.234	15.625	12.465	4.13	4.54	5.8
February ..	125.25	2.807	2.233	15.625	12.466	4.26	4.57	5.8
March ..	125.25	2.805	2.233	15.625	12.472	4.68	5.12	5.9
April ..	125.25	2.808	2.234	15.625	12.460	4.97	5.18	5.9
May ..	125.25	2.808	2.234	15.625	12.461	5.02	5.19	6.0
June ..	125.25	2.802	2.230	15.625	12.437	5.13	5.34	6.1
1956-57—								
July ..	125.25	2.794	2.224	15.625	12.528	4.68	5.15	6.2
August ..	125.25	2.783	2.215	15.625	12.581	4.70	5.05	6.3
September ..	125.25	2.783	2.215	15.625	12.579	4.99	5.04	6.4
October ..	125.25	2.785	2.216	15.625	12.575	4.68	5.05	6.5
November ..	125.25	2.783	2.214	15.625	12.569	4.60	5.07	6.6
December ..	125.25	2.785	2.216	15.625	12.532	4.69	5.09	6.6
January ..	125.25	2.796	2.225	15.625	12.479	4.68	5.04	6.6
February ..	125.25	2.798	2.227	15.625	12.469	4.70	5.05	6.6
March ..	125.25	2.793	2.223	15.625	12.499	4.70	5.03	6.6
April ..	125.25	2.789	2.219	15.625	12.520	4.77	5.06	6.6
May ..	125.25	2.791	2.221	15.625	12.516	4.70	5.05	6.7
June ..	125.25	2.790	2.221	15.625	12.539	4.62	5.04	6.7
1957-58—								
July ..	125.25	2.788	2.219	15.625	12.551	4.48	5.02	6.8
August ..	125.25	2.783	2.215	15.625	12.565	4.51	5.01	6.9
September ..	125.25	2.785	2.216	15.625	12.552	4.44	4.98	6.9

(a) Average of daily quotations. (b) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (c) Selling rate.
 Direct quotation. (d) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (e) Weighted average twelve months. (f) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (g) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (h) Urban securities only. (i) Rural and urban securities. (j) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

INTEREST RATES.

(Per Cent. per Annum.)

Date of Change in Rate.	Trading Banks—								Commonwealth Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate).	Treasury Bills (Discount Rate).	Commonwealth Loans (Long Term).			
	Fixed Deposits—				Overdrafts (Maximum Rate).									
	3 months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months.	Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.								
1940—1st March ..	1.75	2.25	2.50	2.75	4.25	{(b)}	2.00	1.75	3.625					
28th May ..	1.50	2.00	2.25	2.50	4.25		2.00	1.50	3.250					
1941—22nd Sept. ..	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.25		2.00	1.50	3.250					
1942—14th March ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.50	3.250					
1943—1st May ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.25	3.250					
1944—17th January ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.25	3.250					
11th August ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.25	3.250					
1945—1st March ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250					
1st December ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250					
1946—20th November ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.125					
1947—1st January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	1.00	3.125					
1949—1st May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.125					
1951—21st August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.750					
1952—29th July ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	(d)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.750					
25th November ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	(d)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	4.500					
1955—1st January ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500					
1956—15th March ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500					
1st April ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.500					
10th May ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000					
4th December ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000					

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank.

Banks not published, but predominant rates between 1936 and 1940 were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. On 1st July, 1940, rates in excess of 5.25 per cent. were reduced by 0.25 per cent. and on 1st January, 1942, there was a further reduction of 0.125 per cent.

(c) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000.

(d) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000.

(e) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£'000.)

Date.	Commonwealth.	States.	Total.	Date.	Commonwealth.	States.	Total.
30th June—				1955–56—			
1937 ..	..	46,408	46,408	31st May ..	180,000	3,900	183,900
1938 ..	..	46,598	46,598	30th June ..	165,000	..	165,000
1939 ..	..	50,228	50,228	1956–57—			
1950 ..	108,280	..	108,280	31st July ..	155,000	2,250	157,250
1951 ..	108,280	2,400	110,680	31st August ..	190,000	3,000	193,000
1952 ..	153,280	..	153,280	30th Sept. ..	210,000	3,000	213,000
1953 ..	225,000	..	225,000	31st Oct. ..	240,000	3,000	243,000
1954 ..	190,000	..	190,000	30th Nov. ..	255,000	11,000	266,000
1955 ..	160,000	..	160,000	31st Dec. ..	270,000	14,000	284,000
1956 ..	165,000	..	165,000	31st Jan. ..	260,000	14,000	274,000
1957 ..	150,000	..	150,000	28th Feb. ..	270,000	14,000	284,000
31st Mar. ..				31st Mar. ..	260,000	12,000	272,000
30th April ..	195,000	2,900	197,900	30th April ..	190,000	12,000	202,000
30th Nov. ..	210,000	5,900	215,900	31st May ..	147,000	9,000	156,000
31st Dec. ..	255,000	7,400	262,400	30th June ..	150,000	..	150,000
31st Jan. ..	255,000	7,400	262,400	1957–58—			
29th Feb. ..	265,000	7,400	272,400	31st July ..	139,000	3,000	142,000
31st Mar. ..	280,000	6,400	286,400	31st August ..	160,000	3,000	163,000
30th April ..	220,000	5,900	225,900	30th Sept. ..	185,000	3,000	188,000

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.
For meaning of symbol .. see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.(a)

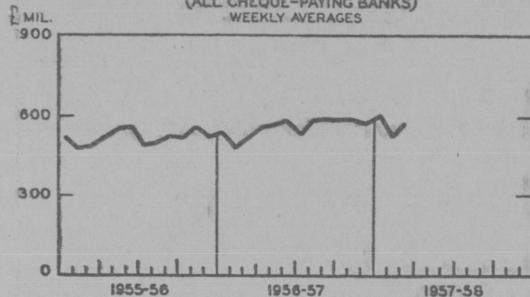
CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

(£ million.)

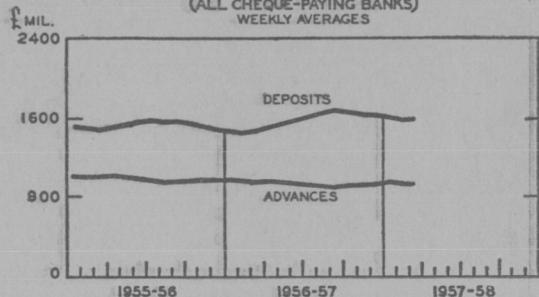
Period.	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six States.	Common-wealth.	Grand Total.(a)
REVENUE.									
1938-39 ..	51.1	27.0	19.3	12.3	11.0	3.6	124.3	95.1	209.6
1951-52 ..	168.9	81.7	55.7	37.5	34.0	10.5	388.3	1,016.8	1,256.1
1952-53 ..	182.8	97.0	63.2	44.2	38.7	12.1	438.0	1,040.1	1,305.8
1953-54 ..	188.7	106.7	69.7	48.4	43.6	13.3	470.4	1,022.8	1,314.3
1954-55 ..	195.4	116.8	73.8	48.7	46.1	14.5	495.3	1,067.4	1,378.5
1955-56 ..	204.4	123.1	75.7	55.4	49.6	17.8	526.0	1,138.4	1,466.7
1956-57 ..	225.0	133.2	85.2	61.6	54.3	18.8	578.1	1,311.8	1,674.3
1957-58 (Estimate) ..	232.4	141.5	88.5	66.8	55.9			1,331.0	
1955-56—									
July ..	15.0	7.4	5.3	3.3	3.5	1.0	35.5	75.8	97.9
July—August ..	30.3	16.0	10.9	7.3	7.1	1.9	73.5	142.4	189.1
—September ..	45.4	24.4	17.4	11.0	10.7	3.5	112.4	208.9	280.9
1956-57—									
July ..	15.6	7.8	5.6	4.1	3.9	1.1	38.1	74.3	97.3
July—August ..	31.4	16.3	11.7	8.2	8.1	2.2	77.9	145.1	192.7
—September ..	47.6	24.8	17.9	12.2	12.2	4.1	118.8	212.4	285.8
1957-58—									
July ..	17.2	9.6	6.4	5.3	4.0	1.1	43.6	80.7	108.1
July—August ..	33.7	18.8	12.9	9.8	8.2	2.2	85.6	150.8	204.0
—September ..	50.4	28.0	19.7	14.5	12.3	4.2	129.1	221.3	302.0
EXPENDITURE.									
1938-39 ..	53.6	27.8	19.3	12.7	11.2	3.6	128.2	95.1	213.5
1951-52 ..	168.8	84.1	55.7	37.5	34.5	10.9	391.5	1,016.8	1,259.3
1952-53 ..	182.7	97.4	63.0	44.2	39.2	11.8	438.3	1,040.1	1,306.1
1953-54 ..	188.6	106.0	69.3	46.6	43.7	13.3	467.5	1,022.8	1,311.4
1954-55 ..	197.6	115.5	73.6	50.9	46.6	14.7	498.9	1,067.4	1,382.1
1955-56 ..	211.2	126.4	77.4	56.8	51.4	17.7	540.9	1,138.4	1,481.6
1956-57 ..	224.9	137.6	85.2	61.6	56.2	19.6	585.1	1,311.8	1,681.3
1957-58 (Estimate) ..	232.3	145.0	90.0	67.3	58.6			1,331.0	
1955-56—									
July ..	12.1	8.6	5.5	4.3	3.9	0.8	35.2	76.0	97.8
July—August ..	28.5	18.1	12.3	8.9	8.1	2.2	78.1	151.4	202.6
—September ..	45.9	28.0	18.0	13.4	12.3	3.9	121.5	245.0	326.2
1956-57—									
July ..	14.0	8.7	6.8	4.4	4.4	0.9	39.2	77.0	101.1
July—August ..	32.0	18.9	13.9	9.5	9.6	2.5	86.4	179.2	235.3
—September ..	49.4	29.6	20.2	14.1	14.0	4.3	131.6	262.8	349.0
1957-58—									
July ..	13.4	9.8	7.0	4.8	4.6	1.1	40.7	87.3	111.8
July—August ..	33.5	21.5	14.2	9.9	9.6	2.7	91.4	181.6	240.6
—September ..	49.5	31.5	21.0	14.9	14.2	4.8	135.9	272.1	359.1

(a) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of payroll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of the interest on State debts, special grants, uniform taxation, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis capital expenditure and National Welfare Fund payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated. (b) Represents the combined transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the annual Budget Papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications.

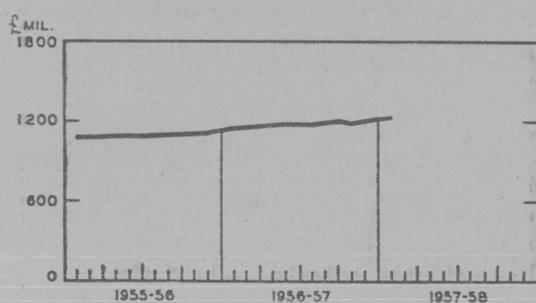
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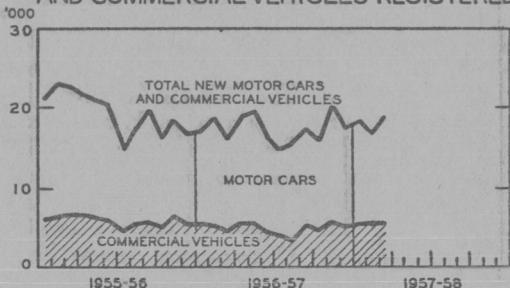
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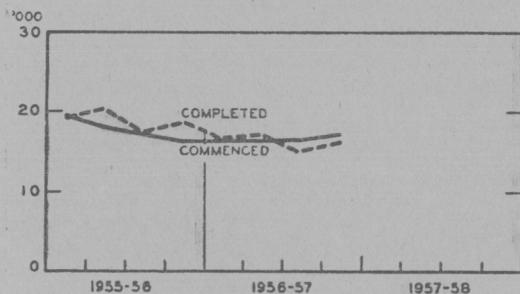
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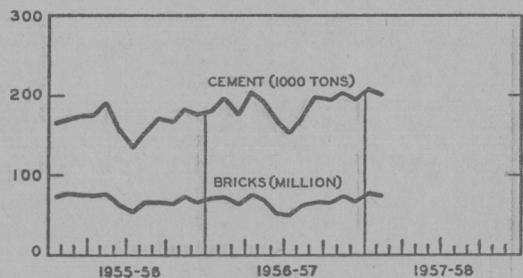
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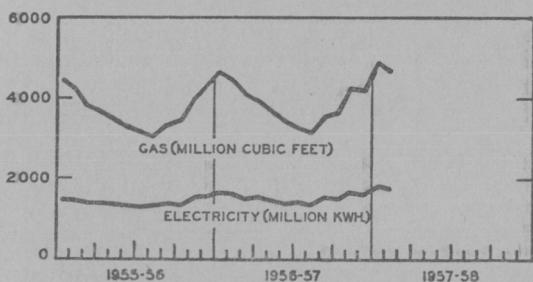
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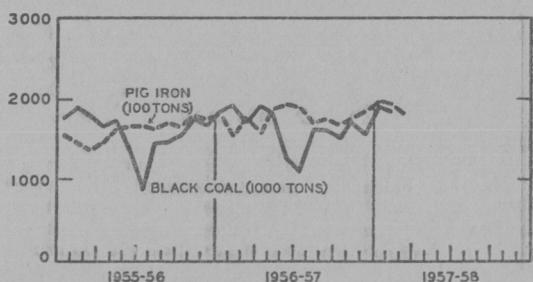
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